

מסדא מן הארץ

**ENCYCLOPAEDIA JUDAICA CD-ROM**

All 26 printed volumes integrated into a unified updated text.

with a free CD-ROM 'Jerusalem 3,000' worth \$30

ORDER BY Phone: Tel. 02-5378377  
Fax: 02-5378372 E-mail: orders@jpost.co.il

# THE JERUSALEM POST

**Hannukah and Christmas Gift Basket**

Fast door to door delivery

ORDER BY Phone: Tel. 02-5378377  
Fax: 02-5378372 E-mail: orders@jpost.co.il

VOLUME LXVI, NUMBER 20100

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1998 • KISLEV 20, 5759 • 20 SHAABAN 1419

NIS 5.50 (EILAT NIS 4.70)



**7 International**

Clinton's legal team begins his defense



**11 Arts & Entertainment**

Stars light up Hanukka



**18 Sports**

Bucs stay alive in playoff race

**INDEX**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| Arts & Entertainment  | 11 |
| Business              | 12 |
| Family Matters        | 9  |
| Movies, TV, Crossword | 19 |
| Opinion               | 8  |
| Sports                | 20 |

## Likelihood of unity gov't recedes

**By SARAH HONIG**

The pressure on Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to move for national unity intensified yesterday, though the likelihood of such a coalition receded as quickly.

The latest to join the chorus of ministers calling for a unity government was Communications Minister Limor Livnat, hitherto one of the staunchest opponents of a coalition which would include Labor. Her relations - both personal and ideological - with Netanyahu have deteriorated considerably recently.

Eleven of the 17 ministers have now gone on record as demanding that Netanyahu take action to move for national unity. In addition to Livnat, they are Finance Minister Yaakov Neeman, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon, Tourism Minister



US helicopters here in advance of President Bill Clinton's visit use the Hebrew University stadium in Givat Ram as their Jerusalem base yesterday.

## Ross speaks out against Palestinian violence

**By DANNA HARMAN and HILLEL KUTTLER**

US special Mideast envoy Dennis Ross tried yesterday to calm Israeli fears about the upcoming visit of President Bill Clinton. He assured the government that only an "unmistakable and unambiguous" nullification of the Palestinian Covenant sections negating Israel's existence would be acceptable, and spoke out against Palestinian violence on the West Bank.

Ross, who is making a quick one-and-a-half-day visit to the region, met with both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat to try to air some of the many problems with the Wye accord implementation process before Clinton's scheduled arrival Saturday evening.

The government presented Ross with a long list of Palestinian violations of the accord, including

Arafat's recent statements on a declaration of independence on May 4, 1999, incitement to violence over the release of political prisoners, and slack security cooperation.

Arafat, during a dinner in Ramallah, urged Ross to use his influence to convince Israelis of the importance of releasing more political prisoners. The Palestinian street, Arafat reportedly said, is growing increasingly frustrated.

At a press conference following his meeting with Netanyahu, Ross said that while "obviously" there are differences between Israel and the Palestinians over the prisoner release, "the place to deal with differences is in discussions at the table, not on the street. There is no place for violence in this process."

He also reiterated the US stand that Netanyahu is fulfilling his commitments made at Wye on prisoner release.

New party plans, Page 2

Moshe Katsav, Health Minister Yehoshua Mazza, Science Minister Silvan Shalom, Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, Interior Minister Eli Suissa, Industry and Trade Minister Natan Sharansky, Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein, and Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani.

Netanyahu's problem, however, is that he has not dared to make a public proposal to Labor for fear that he would be rebuffed - and also lose the support of the National Religious Party.

In Labor, it was roundly admitted yesterday that whatever limited readiness there was to consider the notion several weeks ago has all but disappeared, because the government is seen as being on its last legs, and support for national unity would be regarded not as a partnership, but as rescuing a bitter rival.

Netanyahu dismissed the idea of making a special effort to form a national unity coalition. "Anyone who shares our policy guidelines is invited to join. If not, then not," he said. "I have not heard Labor coming out against releasing terrorist murderers, against Palestinian Authority incitement for the unambiguous nullification of the Palestinian Covenant, etc. I don't think the other side is interested in joining us."

See UNITY, Page 2

## No more flirting with Levy, Livnat warns

**ANALYSIS**

**By SARAH HONIG**

National unity champions inside Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition so far have been moderate doves, who reasoned that the prime minister had in fact opted for a centrist course, but could not pursue his policy because he was saddled with a rightist coalition.

As a result, he is at this point faced with a choice between pressing on with Wye and losing power, or staying in office and halting Wye. Only national unity can, conceivably, break this gridlock. On the face of it, hawkish Communications Minister

Limor Livnat should be the last person to want Netanyahu to find a way out of his current dependence on those who share her opinions.

Therefore, the fact that she, of all people, joined the ranks of those calling for a national unity coalition must be significant. Politically she is too far removed from dovish coalition whip Meir Sheerit and Deputy Minister Michael Eitan to just take a trendy cue from them.

See ANALYSIS, Page 2

## Treasury seeks tax deal with immigrants

Treasury officials yesterday offered to meet with immigrant representatives in an effort to reach a compromise on the ministry's proposed tax reform.

During a meeting of the Knesset Immigration and Absorption Committee, the officials said they believe the changes could be delayed as a result of the postponement of the wider tax reform, which was to have taken effect on January 1.

Full report, Page 12

## 3 children die in Umm el-Fahm blaze

**By DAVID RUDGE**

Three toddlers died in a blaze in their Umm el-Fahm home yesterday. The children, a boy and two girls between one and four, were pulled from the house suffering from smoke inhalation. Magen David Adom paramedics tried to resuscitate them and they were taken in critical condition to Afeka's Ha'emek Hospital, where doctors and staff battled unsuccessfully to save them.

The police spokesman for the

Amakim District said an initial investigation had revealed that the mother had gone out of the house at 4:30 p.m., locking the door and leaving the children in their room. When she returned half an hour later, she found the house full of smoke. Neighbors broke in and managed to drag the children from the room.

The spokesman said a fire investigator had determined that the blaze was caused by a fault in the electrical system, which had set fire to a linen closet.

## Soaring crime rate fails to bring South African Jews here

**By ARYEH DEAN COHEN**

David Slaughter became a South African crime statistic Sunday night. The 19-year-old Betar youth counselor was shot and wounded after walking into a robbery at a restaurant in Johannesburg's Illovo suburb moments after he and other youth leaders completed a meeting there.

Doctors are hoping Slaughter will not suffer any permanent damage, but there are increasing signs that the South African Jewish community may be running out of luck. Some say another sign of this is the recent sale of the building that once housed Johannesburg's historic Wolmerans Street Synagogue, now slated to become a mall.

The seven-story former headquarters of the South African Zionist Federation was also sold recently, after lying empty for three years since the offices were

moved out of the dangerous downtown area. According to a Jewish Agency spokesman, there were few takers for the building, and it fetched just \$25,000.

But these and other developments have so far had little impact on immigration to Israel.

Crime, not antisemitism, is the main threat facing South Africa's estimated 80,000 Jews, according to Jewish Agency education committee chairman Amos Hermon, who recently received an update from emissaries there.

See S. AFRICA, Page 5

### PRIVATE BANKING

Because No Two Clients Are Alike

Open an account, deposit \$10,000 and receive a rent-free cellular phone while you are in Israel for business or pleasure

Private Banking is a fine art. In today's dynamic world, only a state of the art bank like First International Bank of Israel can deliver you private banking at its finest. Our business philosophy focuses on safety and confidentiality. Our products and services are tailor-made to suit your individual needs. As a member of the prestigious Safra group - a name synonymous with private banking for over one hundred years - First International Bank of Israel provides you with the attentive service and the superior results you deserve.

For further information, contact our International Private Banking Department: Tel-Aviv, 76 Rothschild Bldg. Tel: (972)-3-5603606. Fax: (972)-3-5603797.

YOUR STATE OF THE ART BANK

**THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL BANK OF ISRAEL**



## NEWS

in brief

## Ya'alon completes Myara incident inquiry

OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Moshe Ya'alon has removed from his post the lieutenant who ordered his jeep driver to flee Palestinian stone-throwers at the Ayosh junction near Ramallah last Wednesday, the IDF Spokesman said. A minute later a civilian car came under a barrage of stones and Cpl. Assaf Myara was dragged from it and beaten. Myara was faulted for failing to use his weapon, but claimed he was hit by a stone when the incident began and by the time he recovered found himself trapped by rioters. His rifle was unloaded, in disregard of standing orders. Ya'alon took into consideration that Myara had not been sufficiently trained in the use of his weapon, but said he would be tried for leaving his base while under detention. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

## Turkish Air Force chief visits

The commander of the Turkish Air Force is to visit Israel next week as a guest of the Israeli defense industries and the Israeli Air Force, military sources said.

The visit of Gen. Ahmet Corekci comes 10 days after an official visit to Israel by the commander of the Greek air force. Corekci will be viewing the progress in the upgrading of 54 Turkish F-4 fighter jets being carried out by IAI in a deal worth over \$640 million.

Channel 2 reported last night that the IAF and Greek air force are to hold a joint exercise in March, but military sources could not confirm this report. Both nations have used each others' air space for training, but they have never held a joint exercise before. *Arieh O'Sullivan*

## Rejectionists plan to oppose Covenant change

Palestinian hard-liners are to meet in Syria this weekend to reaffirm their allegiance to the Palestinian National Covenant, which calls for Israel's destruction, and to reject Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat's move to amend it.

"The meeting will express our rejection of peace agreements with Israel, counter Arafat's plan to give legitimacy to Israel's occupation of our lands, and reiterate our support for the Palestinian Covenant," Bahjat Abu Gharbiyah said. *AP*

## Brief spell of winter forecast

Light showers fell in parts of the North last night. The Meteorological Service is forecasting relatively heavy rain in the North later today and a marked drop in temperatures. The rain is expected to strengthen overnight with the chance of it spreading to central districts and turning to snow on Mt. Hermon.

The forecast for tomorrow is for rain and isolated thunderstorms throughout the country, with strong winds and a further fall in temperature. The wintry spell, caused by a trough moving in from Greece, will be short-lived. Most of the rain is expected to cease by Friday and be replaced with partly cloudy and warmer weather which will continue through Saturday. *David Rudge*

## Hanukkah on the Internet

Habad's Hanukkah candlelighting ceremonies at the Western Wall, the Eiffel Tower, and downtown Moscow are to be broadcast live for the first time via the Internet. The three ceremonies, lasting half an hour on the first night of Hanukkah to begin at 10:15 p.m. Israel time. Until now, the Habad ceremonies have been broadcast by satellite, but this limited the number of possible viewers and was very expensive. Now anyone with an Internet connection can view the site at [www.chanukah98.com](http://www.chanukah98.com), and can also replay the scenes once the live action is over. *Judy Siegel*

## UNITY

Continued from Page 1

Netanyahu also said he will not "bow down to inordinate demands from whichever side - be it right or left. We will pursue our policies come what may."

His spokesman said he had turned down demands from the Land of Israel Front, which included annexation of territory and no more territorial concessions to the PA unless they are approved unanimously by the inner cabinet. The latter would give its most recent recruit, Education Minister Yitzhak Levy (NRP) veto power over any future pullback.

A source close to Labor MK Shimon Peres, up until recently a tireless campaigner for unity, said that "at this juncture and in these circumstances he too would oppose the notion. Anyone in Labor expressing the slightest sympathy for the unity idea now would be cutting his own political throat."

Livnat stated that "national unity is a must, at least until May, so that we can face in unison [PA Chairman Yasser] Arafat's threat to set up a Palestinian state. I am not talking about expanding the coalition by two or three MKs."

She argued that "this is the moment of truth. It is impossible to maneuver as we have any longer. The country cannot be run without a convincing majority. Should Labor, however, prefer narrow partisan interests, there will be no alternative but to go to early elections as soon as possible."

Shalom said that "we would be better off to initiate the elections ourselves, so we can control the

date and the preparation."

Katsav, however, warned his colleagues not "to expect any chivalry from Labor. We have talked of national unity previously and there have been plenty of overtures to Labor. In all cases, the reply was a mocking rejection."

Tsomet leader Rafael Eitan said that "all this is idle talk. There will be no national unity government because Labor doesn't want it. For the past year, long before Wye, I warned that early elections are inevitable. I still think that the earlier we go to the voters, the better. What we saw in the Knesset Monday makes a laughingstock of this notion."

Likud dissident Dan Meridor dispelled a little of the mystery about how he would have voted on early elections. "Netanyahu assumed that I would vote against the government, and I suppose he was not wrong," he said.

David Levy poked fun at Livnat - who so strenuously opposed his return to the Likud - for having "suddenly discovered the national unity bandwagon. How interesting that those who so recently shoved every spoke they could in its wheel, now rush to climb on board."

Levy also did "not think that efforts to get me back to the coalition would be useful."

Yet political observers noted he did not entirely slam the door on the possibility. Likud MK Yisrael Katz blamed Shas's Aryeh Deri for foiling the deal with Levy, while Deri said "the failure was the fault of people like Katz and Livnat, who made such a fuss about the addition of Geshet members to the Likud central committee. Because of this petty internal Likud fight, the coalition was not expanded."

## Peres to meet with Cypriot president

By DANNA HARMAN

MK Shimon Peres (Labor) is to travel to Cyprus on Tuesday to meet with President Glafcos Clerides and other top officials.

Peres, who is making the trip at the request of the Foreign Ministry, is to be briefed beforehand by Mossad chief Ephraim Halevy, sources say. While ostensibly going to partake in an Israeli Embassy ceremony honoring Cypriot businessmen with close ties to Israel, it is hoped Peres will be able to assist with the release of the two Mossad agents held there accused of spying.

The opening of their trial was postponed yesterday, as defense lawyer Antis Triantafyllides has asked for more time to study the revised charges, which say Udi Hargov, 37, and Igal Damary, 49,

conspired to spy against Cyprus "in Israel and Cyprus."

The judge set a new trial date of December 21 and ordered that the suspects remain in custody.

The two were charged in a previous court appearance on three counts. The government alleged that, between October 15 and November 6, they conspired to spy on Cyprus, conducted spying operations, and possessed radio frequency scanners without a license.

The other charges were expanded to specify the men allegedly "gathered information relating to military installations, which could possibly be useful to any other foreign state." Earlier, the charges spoke about "information useful to another state."

Triantafyllides said the alterations appear designed to make

the present charges more encompassing.

The two were arrested on November 6 in the small fishing village of Zigi, near a Cypriot army base and training area.

Their arrest came only three days after President Ezer Weizman ended the first-ever visit there by an Israeli head of state. Weizman's visit was intended to ease Cyprus' concerns over Israel's military alliance with Turkey.

Tension has risen on the island because of threats by Turkey to prevent Cyprus' planned deployment of Russian S-300 antiaircraft missiles.

Both Israel and Turkey are known to be interested in gaining information on the arrival of the missiles on the island, expected in the next month or two.



Clinton security

A member of the American advance security team speaks on a cellular phone in front of a Palestinian Police armored personnel carrier in Gaza City yesterday, in preparation for the visit of President Bill Clinton. *(AP)*

## ROSS

Continued from Page 1

Meanwhile, even though the invitations to the upcoming Palestinian National Council meeting in Gaza make no mention of a vote, Ross assured the government that only an "unmistakable and unambiguous nullification of that charter" would be acceptable. Ross hesitated to use the word "vote," but, as one senior Israeli official mused, "how else do you get an unmistakable nullification?"

Netanyahu played down the importance of a two-thirds vote, legally the only way to change the Covenant sections. "It must be serious," said Netanyahu. "There must be a reasonable number of participants... I can't say if that is exactly two-thirds plus one or two-thirds minus two. This is not a scientific matter."

A senior official in the Prime Minister's Office said it had been agreed at Wye that Israel would not demand a two-thirds vote, only a simple majority.

Finally, Netanyahu, continuing to make amends for his statements earlier this week which hinted that perhaps Clinton should stay home, stressed that the president is a wanted guest. "Whether or not he manages to assist the process is of no matter. President Clinton is always welcome," he said.

Ross refused to get drawn into the Israeli debate over who had invited Clinton to Gaza in the first place, saying simply that the Americans had originally suggested the visit, and adding that Clinton was not put off by the various difficulties.

"President Clinton had an awful lot to do with putting the Wye agreement together," he explained, "and obviously, it is very logical that... the president come and do all he can to put things back the way they ought to be."

In Washington, Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said there is "no chance" the government will carry out the second phase of the redeployment, scheduled to occur next week, due to continued Palestinian violations of the Wye accord.

He told Israeli reporters that he had conveyed this message to his American interlocutors, including Clinton, and none of them told him that Israel must disregard Palestinian performance and move ahead anyway.

"In all my discussions, I never found even a hint that Israel must fulfill its commitments while the other side violates its commitments," Sharon said before flying to New York. "The American view is that everything must be solved by negotiations. This is accepted by us. But there was no pressure on Israel - I emphasize this - to fulfill our side while the other side doesn't."

During Sharon's meeting late Monday with National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, Clinton stopped in for what Sharon described as an "enthralling" hour-long chat, during which he told Clinton of Israel's concern over PA officials and media encouragement of terrorism.

Sharon also met Monday with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet.

At his press conference, Sharon also expressed hope that Clinton's visit will "improve the atmosphere."

He turned aside suggestions that he had sent mixed messages dur-

ing his visit to appease supporters at home, by denying that he had told Albright that Israel would delay the second redeployment, at the same time that his office in Jerusalem was telling Channels 1 and 2 that that was his message to the administration.

"I don't deal with any wheeling and dealing," he said. "The things I told the American government here are very clear, that Israel is truly adhering to Wye, but a situation has arisen of real [Palestinian] violations."

Reuters adds:

Albright urged Israel and the Palestinians to meet their commitments under the Wye agreement and said Clinton would go ahead with his controversial trip to the region.

Speaking after a NATO meeting in Brussels, she told a news conference: "It's important for the Palestinians to live up to their obligations in terms of taking care of the security situation... and also for the Israelis not to add conditions."

## Labor, Meretz differ on date of no-confidence

By LIAT COLLINS

It is still not clear when the next votes of no-confidence will be heard, following the insistence by Meretz that they come up this Monday, and the willingness of Labor to postpone them to the following Monday.

Apart from the vote on the early elections bill, which was turned into a no-confidence motion at the last moment this week, Meretz has filed its own no-confidence motion in the prime minister - the first since the Wye agreement. The motion is over the government's non-implementation of the agreement.

Party leader Yossi Sarid said, "After Foreign Minister Ariel Sharon said in Washington that there is no point in US President Bill Clinton coming to Israel, and in any case there is no intention of carrying out the second further redeployment, there is no point in providing a political safety net any

more. The time has come to put an end to his policy of trickery."

No-confidence motions are usually held the Monday after they are submitted. However, since this falls during Clinton's planned visit to Israel, even if he does not visit the Knesset, there is talk of postponing significant votes - like a no-confidence motion - to the following Monday. Sarid's faction objects to the two-week postponement.

Meretz whip Haim Oron, who together with Labor's Haim Ramon was one of the MKs behind the bill calling for early elections, is demanding the vote on this bill be heard this coming Monday.

The Labor faction executive, on the other hand, last night authorized party whip Elie Goldschmidt to inform Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon that Labor agrees to postponing the no-confidence vote on the early elections bill until Monday, December 21, because of the Clinton visit.

## Right, center move new party plans forward

By DAVID ZEY HARRIS

Two new parties have moved a step closer to existence this week, according to sources in both the center and right.

The move for a right-wing party based on the Land of Israel Front gained momentum after the postponement of Monday's vote on early elections.

"We've been pushed into speeding up our plans, having seen that elections could be held as early as 60 days after the vote eventually takes place in two weeks," said front's leader MK Michael Kleiner. "Yes, I am pushing the movement at the moment, but I have no obsession with leading the party. But I won't rule it out."

Knesset sources said that Kleiner, Likud MKs Ze'ev (Beany) Ben and David Re'em, and Tsomet MKs Haim Dayan and Moshe Peled are likely to be among the first to join such a party. It is also hoped that the National Religious Party MKs

Kleiner reckons, on average, the front receives the support of some 19 MKs, with 15-25 voting with it on a regular basis. The hard core is 12-13.

Meanwhile, the announcement of the creation of a centrist party, in all probability under the leadership of MK Dan Meridor (Likud), is expected within weeks, according to a source close to the movement. It is still unclear who would receive the No. 2 spot, with former deputy chief of General Staff Matan Vilna's most likely, although organizers are still waiting to hear from former chief of General Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak.

The movement also hopes to take in MKs Yehuda Harel and Alex Lubotzky of The Third Way, while attracting considerable membership from Meimad, said the source.

Once formed, the party will have to compete for the middle ground with former Tel Aviv mayor Ronni Milo, who now heads the centrist Atid party.

## ANALYSIS

Continued from Page 1

Her statement yesterday constitutes yet another erosion in Netanyahu's standing. When someone like Livnat tells him that "things cannot go on as they are now," that the alternatives are either national unity or early elections, this is a declaration of no-confidence in so many words.

Moreover, Livnat was actually advocating early elections. National unity was only lip service. If unity were not possible, she intoned, then there is no choice but to go to elections now.

If anything, Livnat is not politically naive. She knows that her formulation provides Labor with the veto power. As Labor MK Uzi Baram indeed pointed out, "with a majority for early elections within reach, why on earth should we now save this government by joining a coalition under Netanyahu? If we go to the people we could emerge with our own coalition in a few months." In other words, Labor only has to refuse to join a national unity coalition and thereby advance the elections.

Livnat knows precisely the sort of power her proposal, were Netanyahu to accept it, would put in Labor's hands. Perhaps her motives ought to be sought outside of the conventional argument that it is either national unity or elections. Perhaps Livnat realizes that there is yet another possibility - remote and far-fetched though it be - for him to squeeze through.

Keen-eyed political observers could not fail on Monday night to

discern differences between Geshet leader David Levy's vocabulary in the Knesset and his talk with reporters earlier that day. He was much more reserved in the Knesset and no pejoratives were hurled. It was as if he were leaving the door just a crack open. Those in the Likud, like Livnat, who fear an influx of hundreds of Geshet delegates into their 2,700 Likud central committee did not bother to conceal their anxiety as soon as Levy descended from the podium.

They dreaded that the Levy specter might yet return to haunt them and that now a truly desperate Netanyahu could end up taking his nemesis back under Levy's own conditions - both to the government and the Likud. It is the latter possibility which they wish to avert. They know Levy needs to get safe slots on the next Likud slate of Knesset candidates for himself and his Geshet cronies, as his own ticket is all but a goner. Levy could upset the balance in the Likud central committee and deny Knesset membership to Likud aspirants if the list is packed with his people.

Shas's Aryeh Deri, a seasoned politician, yesterday openly named this inner Likud conflict as the real reason Levy's entry into the coalition was foiled. To preempt a rerun of the Levy saga, under even more adverse circumstances for Likud politicians, some of them, like Livnat, would rather go to elections right now. Yesterday, in so many words, she warned Netanyahu not to toy with the idea of flirting with Levy yet again.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved

**EZRI UVAL** 71

The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 8 (19 Kislev).

Shiva at the Uval home, 3 Elazar Hamodai, Jerusalem.

Wife: Beth  
Children: Ephrat and Oded Gal  
Aviad Uval  
Eliav Uval  
Amitai Uval

Sisters: Miriam and Levi Sheferman and family

Varda and Daniel Vorst and family

Sister-in-law: Ella Orbach and family

**Christmas IN LONDON**  
Announcing a special charter flight to London

Wednesday December 23  
Ovda or Tel Aviv to London  
Sunday, January 4  
Gatwick to Tel Aviv or Ovda

**\$329** return  
including ALL taxes

**Longwood**  
Tourist Services Ltd., 8 Bridge House, Eilat

For information and reservations please contact Annette or Clive  
Tel. 07-633-5480. Fax 07-633-6831

סוכן מן האו"ם



# Intifada anniversary spurs security alert

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Expecting a fresh outbreak of violence in Judea and Samaria as Palestinians mark the 11th anniversary since the outbreak of the intifada, Israeli security forces have beefed up their presence throughout the territories.

Military sources noted yesterday that the buildup also follows the recent escalation in clashes between Palestinians and IDF forces, as well as the attack on an Israeli vehicle in Abu Dis on Monday. The sources said no specific warnings of attacks had been received.

Meanwhile, PA negotiator Saeb Erekat said his nephew, Nasser Erekat, had not been throwing rocks at soldiers when he was shot in Abu Dis on Monday.

"He was shot by the army while he was on the rooftop of his house trying to bring down his younger brother," Erekat told Reuters. Erekat said doctors described his nephew's condition as "clinically dead" and said he holds the government responsible.

Police are still investigating the shooting, which occurred during an attack by scores of stonethrowing Palestinian youths on the vehicle of a Tadiran security officer, during which a second youth was also wounded.

The motorist opened fire to disperse the mob. During the attack, however, border policemen were also in the area and fired rubber

bullets and tear gas to disperse the rioters.

Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's communications director, David Bar-Ilan, said Netanyahu had told Erekat he was heartbroken over the wounding of his nephew.

"The point is that whoever starts riots is the one who is to blame for all injuries caused by the riot," Bar-Ilan said.

The IDF yesterday closed the road leading to the gas station at Abu Dis and the junction between Ma'aleh Adumim and Azzariya to Israeli traffic, causing traffic jams from Ma'aleh Adumim to the entrance to the capital.

Yesterday an Israeli girl was lightly injured after Palestinians stoned the car she was travelling in near Tekoa. The driver fired shots in the air to disperse the stonethrowers, the IDF spokesman said.

A border policeman was lightly wounded by glass fragments at the Kalandia refugee camp near Ramallah yesterday when his patrol jeep was stoned. The IDF spokesman said soldiers dispersed the rioters with tear gas and rubber bullets.

In Hebron, a mother and child narrowly escaped injury when a building block was thrown at their car.

Representatives of the northern Samaria settlements of Kadim and Ganim met with Netanyahu and demanded the IDF improve security in the area and speed the construction of bypass roads. Some 50

## Settlements continue to expand on hilltops

By MARGOT DUDKEVITCH

Settlers in Har Bracha moved five mobile homes to a hilltop approximately one kilometer from the community yesterday as part of the continuing struggle to create facts on the ground and prevent further land from being transferred to the Palestinian Authority.

Civil Administration spokesman Lt. Peter Lerner said the mobile homes were erected on a hilltop that falls within the community's limits and their actions were not illegal.

Kedumim settlers have stepped up their activities and daily establish encampments on the hilltops overlooking the valley.

They have constructed several roads in the valley area and plan to build others.

Using the recently constructed road that links Kedumim to Avnei Hefetz, Kedumim local council head Daniella Weiss this week led a convoy of jeeps including Jewish landowners.

Weiss's assistant, Esther Karish, said settlers hope to receive approval for Kedumim's overall plan for 10,000 families that are slated to inhabit an area west of the community.

Kedumim settlers have mapped out the state land and have prepared an overall plan which has been registered with the Housing Ministry.



Yitzhak Frankenthal, father of IDF soldier Arik Frankenthal, who was murdered by terrorists four years ago, sits next to a Palestinian woman demanding the release of her relatives from Israeli jails, in a Ramallah protest tent yesterday. Frankenthal, an ex-businessman turned peace activist, supports the release of Palestinian prisoners. "If I can stop terrorism in the future by releasing someone who committed a terrorist attack, then I profit by his release, too," he said. (AP)

## CLINTON VISIT

By BAT SHEVA TSUR, HAIM SHAPIRO and LIAT COLLINS

With the visit of US President Bill Clinton less than four days away, it was still not clear last night exactly who would be officially receiving him - President Ezer Weizman or Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

"The organization of the visit is on a very low level," Weizman said yesterday. "But I plan to show the US president the respect due him."

According to Beit Hanassi, the visit is being jointly organized by the President's Office, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Foreign Ministry.

Weizman will greet Clinton. Beit Hanassi director-general Arye Shumer said, while Netanyahu will be on hand, heading the line-up of the cabinet.

"The problem is that this is not exactly a state visit, because it is also a working visit," Shumer said, adding that he is "sure everything will be all right in the end."

The protocol problems began when Weizman learned that he had been excluded from the official welcoming ceremony due to take place at Ben-Gurion Airport on Saturday night.

Shumer immediately contacted Moshe Katsav, the minister in charge of ceremonies, and senior officials in the Prime Minister's Office, and demanded that the issue be resolved. They agreed that Weizman, as head of state, would officially receive Clinton.

Clinton will light the Christmas tree in Manger Square when he visits Bethlehem next Tuesday, chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said yesterday. He will also tour the Church of the Nativity.

Manger Square, where Clinton is to light the Christmas tree, is undergoing major renovation, and the work will not be completed by the time he arrives, said Mayor Hanna Nassar.

A 10-meter deep hole the size of a swimming pool is gaping at one end of the square, where a tourism center is to be built in place of a police station. Wood, steel rods, and construction materials are piled nearby.

If Clinton were to announce that he would only visit the Palestinian autonomous areas and not Israel, he would find that all the Israeli ministers would turn up to Ben-Gurion Airport to meet him if he decided to come after all, Meretz leader Yossi Sarid said yesterday.

All the ministers including Rafael Eitan and Yehoshua Matza would be waiting as one by the red

carpet and kissing his hand with emotion. [Knesset Speaker] Dan Tichon would also be there," he said.

"No other government has ever acted with such chutzpa and ungratefulness towards the president of a large power intending to make a goodwill visit," Sarid said. "Even the 'mad pariah states' don't permit themselves to act with such arrogance."

Beginning Friday, the Jerusalem Hilton will be hanging up a "no vacancy" sign as it empties out to prepare for Clinton's arrival. All 381 rooms are to be made available to Clinton, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, the White House staff, security personnel, and the press corps.

In addition to feeding the special guests for their ordinary meals and snacks, the Hilton staff will also be busy preparing the official dinner hosted by Netanyahu on Sunday evening. For that evening, they are also preparing a giant hanukkah, so that Clinton can light the first Hanukkah candle.

The Hilton staff is busy shopping for appropriate gifts for Clinton, his wife Hillary, and their daughter Chelsea, whom the staff hope will be coming as well.

Hilton Israel public relations director Motti Verses said that all of the workers who will be coming in contact with the presidential party have been given special security clearance.

The choice of the Hilton marks a considerable achievement for the hotel, which won out over both the King David, where president Jimmy Carter stayed when he visited Israel, and the Lorraine, where State Department parties have stayed in recent years.

"Although the Hilton has officially been open for only six months, the White House quality advance team has found it to be the appropriate hotel to host such a delegation," said Verses, adding that usually a hotel must be in business for at least a few years to have such a party of guests.

This week, a special presidential culinary advisor is due to arrive to clue in executive chef Nigel Hitchen on Clinton's preferred diet. But despite the advance planning, hotel staff said that the most worried person in the hotel is the kashrut supervisor, Rabbi Yossi Lishner, who must be concerned with pleasing the palates of a wave of non-Jewish guests unfamiliar with kashrut.

News agencies contributed to this report.

ANGLO-SAXON  
TEL-AVIV & JERUSALEM  
PRESENT

# The first spectacular opportunity FOR ISRAELIS TO INVEST IN LONDON!

VIEW OVER 10  
RESIDENTIAL  
DEVELOPMENTS!

RENTAL GUARANTEES  
UP TO  
**10%**  
AVAILABLE PER ANNUM

RENTAL YIELDS  
UP TO  
**13.2%**  
ESTIMATED GROSS

EASY  
PAYMENT  
TERMS

SECURITY FOR  
THE FUTURE!  
INVEST NOW

U.K.  
FINANCE  
AVAILABLE

LETTING &  
MANAGEMENT  
IN-HOUSE SERVICE

DEVELOPMENT MODELS • VIDEOS • VIRTUAL REALITY

MEET THE ENGLISH REPRESENTATIVES IN ISRAEL

## LONDON'S LUXURY APARTMENT EXHIBITION

★ **HILTON HOTEL-JERUSALEM** ★  
7 KING DAVID ST. JERUSALEM.

SAT 5<sup>TH</sup> | SUN 6<sup>TH</sup> | MON 7<sup>TH</sup>  
20:00-22:00 | 11:00-20:00 | 11:00-20:00

DECEMBER 1998

ANGLO-SAXON  
JERUSALEM  
2 HASOREG STREET, JERUSALEM

★ EXHIBITION HOTLINE ★  
**02 625 1161**

★ **HOLIDAY INN-TEL-AVIV** ★  
145 HAYARKON ST. TEL-AVIV

WED 9<sup>TH</sup> | THU 10<sup>TH</sup> | FRI 11<sup>TH</sup>  
10:00-22:00 | 10:00-22:00 | 10:00-14:00

DECEMBER 1998

ANGLO-SAXON  
TEL-AVIV  
42 ALIYAT-HANAA ST. TEL-AVIV

★ EXHIBITION HOTLINE ★  
**03 691 9245**

**SATISFIED CUSTOMERS...  
...OUR BEST ADVERTISEMENT**

**Sole Importers of  
American Sealy Sleeper  
Sofas, Hi-Riser Beds,  
and Reclining Chairs**

Complete line of beds  
and mattresses of all  
leading Israeli  
manufacturers

**Why pay more?  
Buy directly from the  
Importer!**

**RISE HI ENTERPRISES:** 3 Poale  
Tzedek St. (op. Hyperol, between  
Pierre Koenig and Yehoshua Matza)  
02-673-5405, Fax: 02-673-1716  
POB 53092, Jerusalem



Supreme Court president tells Knesset:

## Expand basic laws

By NINA GILBERT

The Knesset must continue to enact basic laws to guarantee the full range of human rights, Supreme Court President Aharon Barak said yesterday at a Knesset ceremony marking 50 years of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

"The strength of human rights is their protection under a constitution," Barak added, noting that the Knesset recognized this when it enacted two basic laws in 1992, Human Dignity and Freedom of Occupation, "thus bringing us closer to the dream of human rights."

However, Barak noted that basic and substantive human rights are still not included in the basic laws. These rights, he said, are mainly

aimed at protecting the individual from the majority, but in Israel "the majority still has the power to hurt the minority."

Justice Minister Tzahi Hanegbi said he wanted to use the occasion to call on the prime minister and cabinet to adopt his recommendation to allow the former residents of "Irit and Birim to return to the areas from which they were evacuated with the establishment of the state. Such a move won't harm Israel's interests, but will rather strengthen trust between us and Israeli Arabs and serve as a signal of Israel's moral quality," he said.

Hanegbi also noted that he had submitted to the ministerial committee on legislation three basic laws: to guarantee social rights, freedom of speech and association, and justice.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon noted that the UN declaration rose from the ashes of the Holocaust, with the aim of preventing the recurrence of the lowest point in the history of human rights.

At the same time, he noted, it is not enough to mark this event every year in parliaments throughout the world "and talk about the same things if they are not carried out." Israel signed the UN declaration in 1948 and its Declaration of Independence proclaims a variety of basic human rights. However, not all of these principles are fully guaranteed by law.

MK Dedi Zucker said the most glaring absence of human rights laws in Israel is the right to equality, which he said should have been included in the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom.

## Antiquities thief caught red-handed

By ARIEN O'SULLIVAN

After months of intensive surveillance, agents from the Antiquities Authority's unit to prevent thefts caught a dealer red-handed Monday night with a huge collection of pilaged antiquities, including a rare silver coin from the Bar Kochba revolt, jewels, gold, and statues.

Agents cornered the man, a Palestinian from a village in the southern Hebron Hills, trying to sell them to an antiquities dealer in Jaffa. He had over 700 artifacts, most of which were plundered from tombs near Jerusalem, Beit Guvrin, and the Judean Hills.

The capture will no doubt put a dent in the illegal antiquities trade, said unit head Amir Ganor. "You don't see this sort of catch everyday. It was not only a lot of items, but a collection of very special pieces. It'll be a whopping economic blow to a number of groups of grave robbers."

He said that there has been a dramatic increase in grave robbing lately, as antiquity dealers have started stocking up in preparation for the wave of Christian tourists expected during the millennium.

The haul included two spear heads from the Late Iron Age, apparently smuggled in from Jordan or Iraq. It also contained hundreds of very well preserved tetradrachma coins from the Hellenistic period and hundreds of bronze coins. Special focus was put on four rare silver coins, three from the Great Revolt and one "seal" coin from the second year of the Bar Kochba revolt. Similar coins have sold for up to \$250,000.



An Antiquities Authority official displays a silver tetradrachma from the Hellenistic period which was among the booty confiscated from an antiquities thief.

## 'Anti-religious' skit canned

By HANI SHAPIRO

MK Naomi Chazan (Meretz) yesterday called on the Reform movement to organize a boycott of the Jerusalem Mall after its management canceled a performance which it had organized.

According to Merav Seger, spokeswoman for the Reform movement's Israel Religious Action Center, the skit, performed

by graduates of Jerusalem's Nissan Nativ Drama Studio, had been planned for Human Rights Week. It has been performed at Tel Aviv's Yitzraeli Mall and it is to be presented in Haifa and Beersheba tomorrow and Thursday.

The skit, she said, depicts a couple in an "imaginary land" who wish to marry, but cannot because of a bureaucratic difficulty. She said that yesterday, four hours

before the scheduled performance, a secretary called to say that mall manager Arik Arad had decided to cancel it because religious people had called him and told him it was insulting to haredim.

Arad said in response that the mall does not offer a platform to any political point of view. "We didn't understand till today the skit ridiculed the religious establishment," Arad said.

## Rich families earn 9 times more than poor

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The country's richest 10 percent of families have a monthly income some nine times higher than that of the poorest decile, according to a Central Bureau of Statistics survey of city dwellers in 1997.

Published yesterday, the report states the top 10 percent bring in an average NIS 27,000, against the NIS 2,970 at the other end of the scale.

The bureau found the average household spends a monthly NIS 8,130, of which NIS 1,440 goes on food; NIS 1,789 on housing; just over NIS 1,000 on education, cul-

ture, and entertainment; while NIS 1,560 is spent on transport and communications.

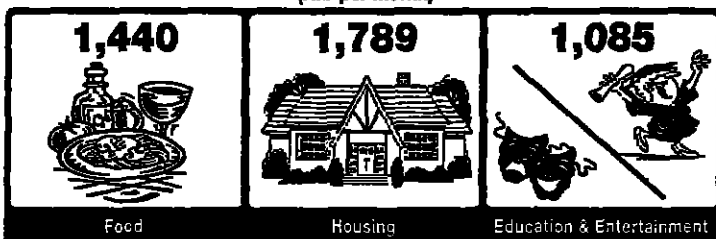
The last time such a survey was conducted during 1992-3, food accounted for 20 percent of all

expenditure, but that fell to 17.7 percent by last year. On the other hand the amount spent on transport and communications jumped from 16.1 percent to 19.2 percent.

According to the figures, there are 4.1 rooms to a house for a family in the top decile of the population, and only 3.3 rooms for a family in the bottom decile. At the same time, a family in the top decile comprises some 2.6 members, while the lowest decile comprises 5.9 members. This implies there are 0.65 persons to a room in the upper decile of the population compared to 1.8 persons in the lowest decile.

### How much it costs

(NIS per month)



Source: Central Bureau of Statistics

## Gaza workers accused of sneaking into Israel via airport

Gaza residents are apparently

exploiting a security breach to enter Israel via Ben-Gurion Airport. This problem was reportedly discussed yesterday at the Knesset Interior Committee's subcommittee on internal security, chaired by MK Micha Goldman (Labor).

The subcommittee, which met in camera, reportedly heard that some Gaza residents who want to work illegally in Israel buy plane tickets abroad and on their return to Ben-Gurion Airport stay in Israel instead of traveling back to Gaza.

Goldman reportedly asked the Israel Airport Authority to provide a shuttle bus service between the airport and Gaza. It would be paid for by the people who use it.

It was also agreed that the IDF and police would coordinate their computer data to better monitor the exit and entry of the residents.

### AT THE KNESSET

By LARI O'NEILL

lems of an overdraft.

The machine is conveniently placed next to the small post office branch and the canteen, near the MKs' entrance.

### Golda the feminist

The Knesset Committee on the Status of Women yesterday paid a tribute to former prime minister Golda Meir, marking 20 years since her death. The committee put up a picture of Meir that was taken by photographer David Rubinger.

A large number of MKs - both men and women - attended the ceremony.

The discussion which followed the picture-hanging focused on the ambivalence of Meir's approach towards feminism with some MKs convinced she applied feminist thinking in her work and others saying that despite her personal achievement in becoming premier she did not contribute to furthering the status of women in the country.

It was also noted that one of the first posters by the feminist movement in Israel included a photo of Meir and a quote she made after an incident involving sexual assault on women: "Why on earth should women sit at home so as not to be sexually harassed. The harassers themselves should sit in prison."

### Widows' pensions

The Knesset Interior Committee yesterday endorsed a decision which would grant pension rights to widows and common-law wives of local council heads and deputy mayors. The decision refers equally to widowers and men who lived with women council heads.

The common-law wife clause refers to a woman who lived with the mayor for at least three years preceding his election, or who bore a child by him, as long as she was not married to someone else at the time.

Next week the committee is scheduled to discuss the same decision regarding the heads of local religious councils. This is at the request of the Justice Ministry based on a high court ruling.

### Shafshovich petition

More than 100 MKs have signed a petition calling for an end to violence and racism between new immigrants and old timers. The petition was written by poet Erez Biton and entitled: "Your brother's voice calls from the Earth."

The initiative for the petition came from MK Yuri Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) and marks 30 days since new immigrant Jan Shafshovich was killed, apparently for speaking Russian.

Stern said he would also act to mobilize academics, social thinkers, educators and representatives of the rule of law and order to fight racism.

### Knesset bank

An automatic bank teller machine was added to the services "on the House" at the Knesset yesterday. Some 500 people work in the Knesset on a permanent basis.

"The automatic bank teller is meant for the people who work long hours in the Knesset and can't get out to the bank in regular hours," said Knesset Spokesman Giora Pordes.

Among those who used it yesterday, including journalists, MKs and Knesset committee coordinators, the only complaint was that it made it harder to escape the prob-

# One World



The Jerusalem Report gives you what no other magazine offers: a penetrating first-hand look behind the local, national and international headlines in the dynamic Jewish world. We connect you to a shared experience. We connect you to your world.

## Just Pages Apart

YES! Please enter my subscription today

- ☐ Israel: 1 year (26 issues) 169 NIS
- ☐ U.S. and Canada: 1 year (26 issues) U.S.\$39.94 (169 NIS)
- ☐ U.K.: 1 year (26 issues) £29.95 (169 NIS)
- ☐ All other countries: 1 year (26 issues) U.S.\$69.94 (299 NIS)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Country: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please debit my credit card no: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Payment enclosed: Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

CUT OUT AND MAIL TO:

In the U.S. and Canada to: The Jerusalem Report, P.O. Box 59032, Boulder, CO 80323 9032

In Israel, the U.K. and other countries to: The Jerusalem Report, P.O. Box 1805, Jerusalem 91017, ISRAEL Tel: 02-5000835 Fax: 02-5389062

This offer good for FIRST TIME SUBSCRIBERS ONLY. (Rates in effect until 12/31/98)

Please allow 4-6 weeks for first delivery to U.S. &amp; Canada.

7JF2

## So your kids speak English but do they read it???

The monthly youth magazines of The Jerusalem Post will encourage your kids to read in English and enjoy it!



The papers, which are presented in an attractive, easy-to-read format, contain lively material on topics of interest to young people.

**ZOOM**  
(Beginners)

**YOURS**  
(Easy English)

**HEY THERE!**  
Intermediate Level

**STUDENT POST**  
Advanced Level

A yearly subscription (12 issues) is only **NIS 138**  
Price includes VAT and postage. Special rates available for schools.

TO SUBSCRIBE:  
Fill in the coupon and mail it along with a check to:  
Youth Magazines  
P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem 91000

02-531-5648  
DIAL AND  
SUBSCRIBE  
Payment by credit cards  
Sun. - Thur. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

YES. Please send me (indicate the publication):

- ☐ ZOOM (beginners)
- ☐ YOURS (easy)
- ☐ HEY THERE! (intermediate)
- ☐ STUDENT POST (advanced)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
I enclose a check for NIS \_\_\_\_\_ payable to The Jerusalem Post

501 من الاراضي

# Poland scraps missile deal with Israel

By ARIEH O'SULLIVAN and news agencies

Defense officials cautiously dismissed yesterday's announcement by the Polish government that it was canceling an \$800 million deal to supply it with advanced anti-tank missiles for its Huzar attack helicopters.

In Warsaw, Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek said the deal was scuttled, because Israel failed to test the NTD missiles in Polish weather and terrain by the end of November.

Following years of negotiating with several potential partners, Poland last year awarded the lucrative contract to Rafael (the Armaments Development Authority) and Elbit Systems Ltd. to equip the Huzars in

line with NATO requirements.

The deal was made by Poland's previous communist government, but the Solidarity-led government that took office shortly after the agreement was signed criticized the handling of the tenders in Tel Aviv.

Defense Ministry spokesman Dan Weinreich reacted cautiously to the Polish decision.

"At this stage, we are studying the announcement of the Polish government and its significance," said Weinreich. "Together with this, we have to stress that, in Israel's view, the agreement signed in October 1997 is binding. Israel is now examining the correct diplomatic and legal steps in light of the decision of the Polish

government."

Speaking after the weekly cabinet meeting in Warsaw, Buzek said scrapping the deal between the two governments will have no legal or financial consequences, the state news agency PAP reported.

Under the deal, which required approval from both governments, Rafael was to supply the Huzar with anti-tank NTD missiles and Elbit was to provide electronic integrating systems.

Rafael spokesman Noach Shachar refused to comment on the matter and referred all queries to the Defense Ministry and Elbit, which also refused to comment.

Sources close to the deal said they see the Polish demand to hold additional missile

tests as an excuse to cancel the project. Poland plans to join NATO in April and has been under heavy pressure from the US company Boeing to be involved in upgrading its weaponry. Boeing lost to Rafael and Elbit in the original tender, which culminated five years of negotiations. Buzek said the government will continue its plan to arm the Polish-made Huzar.

Sources close to the deal said that the \$800m figure is misleading, since half of that was to be spent in Poland and the rest was to be spread over a decade. Since the agreement was made between the two governments, Elbit did not include it in its orders and does not expect to suffer from its cancellation.



## Camp David remembered

From left: Former Egyptian prime minister Mustafa Khalil, Ben-Gurion University president Avishai Braverman, and former US secretary of state Cyrus Vance pose yesterday in a reenactment of the signing of the Camp David Accords. Some 30 Americans, Israelis, and Egyptians who helped negotiate the accords are meeting, exactly 20 years later, to measure the distance traveled and the lessons applicable to the present, at a three-day conference at Ben-Gurion University. Conference participants are to travel to Gaza this morning to meet with Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat and to Jerusalem in the afternoon to meet with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu.

(Text: Tom Tugend)

## TA workers begin sanctions

By HEIDI J. GLEIT

Today's the day to drive to Tel Aviv - municipal workers, including parking inspectors, are protesting rumors that Mayor Ron Huldai wants to fire 600 of them, and are taking the morning off.

Instead of writing parking tickets, answering telephones, or assisting the public, municipal workers will be attending informational meetings from 8 until noon.

"This is the opening shot, don't mess with us," Arnon Bar-David, head of the Tel Aviv municipal workers union, said at an emergency meeting yesterday at which the sanctions were announced. "I believed, and I still believe, that Huldai is capable of helping Tel Aviv fulfill its potential. (But) the mayor succeeded, in the past month, in losing much of the credit we gave him."

Huldai's spokesman Adir Steiner denied that there are plans to fire 600 workers. Huldai intends to increase efficiency, Steiner said, and is investigating ways to do so, but has not reached any decisions. The municipal workers union will be involved in decisions that would effect the workers, he added.

"The winds of war are unnecessary. Every movement will be performed in consultation with the union," Huldai said in a statement yesterday. "In addition, the workers and the residents must understand that the city of Tel Aviv-Jaffa is on the verge of collapse. There are serious financial and budgetary problems that will require serious decisions to be taken in the future."

*Item contributed to this report*

## NEWS

in brief

### Red Cross regrets 'error' in Holocaust

The Red Cross regrets "possible errors and omissions of the Red Cross during a period which saw the failure of an entire civilization particularly in relation to the Holocaust." Dr. Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross told a dinner held by the Friends of Tel Aviv University in Zurich recently.

He said that the ICRC has learned valuable lessons from "certain uncompromising historical studies analyzing the weaknesses to which it fell prey during World War II." He added that "the ICRC is anxious to keep alive the memory of all victims and to proclaim loud and clear 'Never again!'" *Jerusalem Post Staff*

### NY museum given Hitler's 'Mein Kampf'

Heinrich Himmler's copy of *Mein Kampf* - underlined and annotated - has been donated to New York's Museum of Jewish Heritage by an anonymous donor who found the book among his father's possessions. "It shows that the doctrine of anti-semitism, nationalism and even how to get rid of the Jews was already being considered by Hitler as well as Hitler in the 1920s," said Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, chairman of the museum's board. *Jerusalem Post Staff*

### Pre-Holocaust encyclopedia by 2001

New York University Press, in conjunction with Yad Vashem, is to produce a three-volume encyclopedia of *Jewish Life Before the Holocaust*, which is due in 2001. The 1,800 page work is intended to "recover" the history of the Jewish people and communities destroyed by the Nazis.

"The idea is to give life to these people," said Niko Pfund, press director and editor-in-chief. "This project attempts to bring these communities back from the historical dustbin," he said. The encyclopedia is edited by Shmuel Spector of Yad Vashem and Geoffrey Wigoder of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. *Marilyn Henry*

### Israel leads in spending on education

Israel came in first in a just-published survey of education expenditure as a percentage of gross domestic product, an Education Ministry spokesman said yesterday.

The survey, by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, looked at a large number of Western and Eastern European countries, as well as several Latin American and East Asian states. Israel was included for the first time.

In the "all levels of education combined" category, Israel ranked first with 8.3% of GDP invested; Israel came in first in "primary and secondary education" with 4.9%, compared to the USA's 3.9% and Japan's 3.1%. In "higher education" Israel finished sixth at 1.8%, behind Canada (2.5%) and the US (2.4%). *Jerusalem Post Staff*

### TAU architecture school to grant BA

The Council for Higher Education has authorized Tel Aviv University's Azrieli School of Architecture to award BA degrees between 1998 and 2001, a TAU spokeswoman said yesterday. The school was opened in 1994 as part of the Yolanda and David Katz Faculty of the Arts. The first class is expected to graduate in 1999. At the end of the year 2001, the council is to consider granting the school permanent authorization to grant BA degrees. Next week the school is to hold a conference on museum architecture, with the participation of Israeli-Canadian architect Moshe Safdie. *Artyeh Dean Cohen*

## S. AFRICA

Continued from Page 1

"They live behind lock and key," Hermon said, noting that during 1997 alone, some 19,000 people were murdered in South Africa. "Our emissaries tell us that there is not a single Jewish family active in the community which has not been the victim of some kind of violent crime."

Security guards stand outside Johannesburg synagogues to protect worshippers as they go to and from Shabbat services.

"People are reluctant to go out at night, and there is an increase in home security precautions," said Sidney Shapiro, director of the South African Zionist Federation. "Unless there is secure parking, people are unwilling to attend events."

"Crime is creeping down to Cape Town," said David Wolfsohn, who immigrated from there a month ago. He personally helped a German couple who were mugged there.

Crime isn't the only problem, however. While there is some anti-semitism generated by Moslem fundamentalist groups in Cape Town, the situation affecting Jewish welfare and educational institutions is far more serious, Hermon reported.

South African citizens who leave the country are only allowed to take the equivalent of \$20,000 with them, "which is really nothing," Hermon said. Many left before those restrictions were in place,

largely the wealthy and the highly educated. "Now the main burden of financing the welfare organizations within the community, the nursing homes, the Jewish schools, has fallen on the older people and the poorer members of the community who have remained."

They are finding it increasingly difficult to stand up to the challenge, Hermon said. Despite the fact that there is a proud tradition of excellent Jewish schools, particularly the King David school network in Johannesburg and the Herzliya school in Cape Town, the lack of teachers and principals is already being felt. Durban's Carmel College was bought out by private investors this year; the Netzer camp for Jewish youngsters, run by the Reform movement, won't open this year due to a lack of participants, he reported.

All these developments would lead one to think South African Jews would be lining up to come here, but that's far from the case. Only 170 had come through October this year; 260 came during the same period last year, 250 the year before. A total of 17,000 have come since the establishment of the state.

To try to change that, agency officials recently subsidized the visit of 100 university students, who arrived here Sunday. They will be shown various options for higher education, in the hope they will come here to study.

Hermon also supports various programs aimed at Argentinian Jewry, which could also be good for South Africa: absorption in areas

where South African Jews already live; "grace periods" on rights and other matters for those who tried life here but left; and flexible army frameworks for young South Africans, including community service and other projects.

Young Israelis have already been dispatched to talk to South African youth about their army service, enough of a concern to be one reason South African Jews often opt for Australia, the UK, or Canada.

Israel is also less popular because, after enduring the current increased violence, South African Jews want a quieter, safer place, Shapiro said.

"The reason they aren't coming here is why be uncomfortable when you can have a better standard of living somewhere else in the world?" Wolfson said.

Nonetheless, Hermon hopes to change that. "I believe that South African Jewry is a community under stress. It's not that there is a threat to their survival, but definitely it is under stress regarding its future," he said.

"This community has no future and that is the stressful situation they are facing. But we're stubborn people, and they say maybe things will get better... We must continue to pressure them to come, and tell them they must make every effort to leave, especially to come here, because replacing one Diaspora community with another - we've already seen that this won't be a solution for their Jewish identity or economic future."

# THE CLINTON CIRCUS IN GAZA

On December 14, Clinton will arrive in Gaza. The stated objective of his visit is Nullification of the Palestinian Covenant.

## Really?

Will the clauses of the Palestinian Covenant which call for the destruction of Israel really be nullified?

"The Jews are not a people"

"Zionism is racism... fascism... Nazism..."

"Israel is the instrument of the Zionist movement"

"The liberation of Palestine is a national obligation... in order to purify Palestine of the Zionist entity..."

"Armed struggle is the only way to liberate Palestine"

IN ORDER TO NULLIFY THE ABOVE, CLAUSE 33 OF THE COVENANT MUST BE INVOKED:

Clause 33 of the Covenant states:  
"This Covenant can only be amended by a two-thirds majority of all members of the National Council of the Palestine Liberation Organization, at a special sitting which will be convened for this purpose."

## It will not happen!

The session in Gaza, which is to take place in Clinton's presence, will not be a special session at all. It will be attended by women's organizations and sundry dignitaries, and there certainly won't be a vote with a two-thirds majority of all members of the Palestine National Council.

FIRST - "THE INJURY" TO ISRAEL BY NETANYAHU'S SURRENDER AT WYE;  
NOW - "THE INSULT" TO ISRAEL BY THE CLINTON CIRCUS IN GAZA.

Don't be fooled by Clinton's visit to Gaza.  
**The Palestinian Covenant will not be nullified!**  
Say to Clinton: **Cancel your visit to Gaza!**

Presented as a public service by "Gamla Shall Not Fall Again"  
Send comments and contributions to POB 18608, Jerusalem 91184, Telemesser 03-765-3344,  
e-mail: office1@gamla.org.il. Visit our Internet site: www.gamla.org.il

### BEST SELLERS OF TOSHIBA

For the first time, Jerusalem Post readers can purchase the world's leading laptops, at prices exclusive to M.C.O. - Israel's largest laptop center.

|                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| T-70CT LIBRETTO                     | IN STOCK |
| P120, 10MB, 1.8 GB, 8.5" TFT, 600   |          |
| T-320CDS                            | IN STOCK |
| P233, 32MB, 4 GB, 12.1" TFT, CD-ROM |          |
| T-330CDS                            | IN STOCK |
| P233, 32MB, 4 GB, 12.1" TFT, CD-ROM |          |
| T-320CBI                            | IN STOCK |
| P233, 32MB, 4 GB, 12.1" TFT, CD-ROM |          |
| T-400CDS (New)                      | IN STOCK |
| P7, 256MB, 4 GB, CD-ROM, 12.1" TFT  |          |

Supplies limited

### STARTING AT \$1,290

TRADE IN / RENTED Secondhand, starting from \$505

ONE CALL, AND YOU'RE MOBILE

## M.C.O.

03-6392806

Israel's Largest Laptop center

www.mco.co.il



## Democracy on stilts

The leader of a failed military coup returns as an elected populist president.

Where else could we be but South America, even when the subject is not again Auguste Pinochet? Venezuela is a Caribbean country which we find in this part of the world rarely find in the news — even less since the importance of OPEC, the oil cartel Venezuela co-founded, has evaporated. The nation of 21 million people is South America's fourth largest economy, and it is the second largest foreign supplier of oil to the US, after Saudi Arabia.

This week the people elected former paratrooper officer Hugo Chavez Frias as president on an anti-corruption and social-reform platform. Chavez is a man who brings hope to the poor national majority, and who has won a convincing 56 percent victory — both of which are good.

But what his supporters call "charisma" looks like the calculated charm of a Joe Slickpack in a trademark red beret to anyone wary of Latin former-military charismatics. Chavez is opinionated, messianic, dictatorial, and full of his own "destiny."

None of these are good things.

### Morning sickness

In February 1992, citizens of Caracas were wakened by gunfire and tuned in to hear the president tell them on television at 2 a.m. that an attempted military coup had been defeated. The president was a little premature.

A paratroop regiment in Maracay city was behind the military violence and another rebel unit of the Bolivarian Revolutionary Movement briefly took control of Maracaibo.

It was midday before the leader of the coup, Lt. Col. Hugo Chavez Frias, himself went on television and ordered his rebels to lay down arms.

Nobody had believed that anyone would challenge 34 years of civilian rule — albeit a corrupt, lazy, profiteering, crime-ridden rule. Chavez did. Scores of people were killed (no official figures were ever compiled), and Chavez was jailed, but pardoned in 1994.

And now he has challenged the establishment through the ballot box, and at last has become the establishment himself. But as what? Socialist savior or populist dictator-in-waiting?

A popular elected president deserves all the benefit of the doubt, despite that shady coup record, with its blood on his hands, that would instantly bar any candidate in most democracies. He at least deserves his victory comments to be noted.

### Loves me not

"I don't have even a millimeter of hate or rancor in my heart," he told his jubilant supporters in central Caracas. He said he would rebuild the country and hold a referendum to rewrite the constitution. He said he is an economic conservative who will gut Venezuela's over-stuffed civil

service.

He gave a two-hour news conference to the media, and he promised to work for the country's benefit with Venezuela's two traditional parties, the center-left Democratic Action and the center-right COPEI. All very reasonable, but we did not hear, as Venezuelans did, the savage and violent militaristic rhetoric he delivered on the election trail. The majority of Venezuelans obviously liked it.

The two main parties for the first time ever chose not to field candidates, uniting instead behind the independent Henrique Salas

Romer, a Yale-trained economist and former governor, who crashed to 39 percent support in the high-turnout election.

Washington does not like Mr. Chavez — it denied him a visa to enter the US only last year. Investors do not like Mr. Chavez — he is a red rag to a bull market. Venezuela's moneyed upper middle classes do not like Mr. Chavez. Some of them, muttering about a purging tide of commies and crazies, have temporarily withdrawn to the ultimate bunker of the kvetching idle rich, Miami.

Hindsight hindmost

Red rag or red flag? The idle poor will accept either. Venezuela has a dangerous and widening gap between its elitist, snobbish uppers and its poor, deprived lowers. The electorate has decimated the two main parties for their gross corruption, mismanagement, and disregard for human rights.

(Amnesty's 1998 report on Venezuela begins: "Torture by the security forces was widespread, in some cases leading to death... Scores of people, including children, were extrajudicially executed by the security forces.")

You can bet a Miami dollar, no rich kids were among them.)

Former-president Carlos Andres Perez was the man Chavez tried to oust in 1992 and even he admitted this week that his former foe's victory can be put down to "rabid discontent, the catastrophic collapse of the currency, the rising cost of living, and the hunger in millions of Venezuelan homes."

Isn't hindsight wonderful? The Perez regime too was there only for the elite, and to hell with the hindmost.

A US newspaper quoted one construction worker as saying that Chavez is the only one who can save Venezuela from 40 years of democracy — a revealing insight into near-revolutionary disillusion. In 1499 Alonso de Ojeda, a follower of Columbus, discovered Lake Maracaibo. Because the natives lived in houses on stilts, he named the territory Venezuela — little Venice.

Five hundred years later, Venezuelan democracy is a fragile stilt house, only 40 years old. Let's hope that Chavez, "man of destiny," realizes he has been elected to do something about securing its foundations, which six years ago he tried to demolish.

### Column One



Thomas O'Dwyer

By JOEL ACHENBACH

Sally and Ray Strackbein are suburbanites, living on a wooded lot in Fairfax County, Va., not far from a mall.

They met on the Internet and married three years ago, moved to the Washington area from California and got work in the technology industry.

Lately, they've been visiting their neighbors, most of whom are strangers. They are delivering everyone a present, a little oil lamp, a symbol of their new mission in life: surviving Y2K.

The Strackbeins are stockpiling food in the basement, the workshop, the garage and the den. They bought a wood stove for when the power goes out. They are loaded up on tuna, sausages, dried beans and egg protein powder. They have 18 cans of canned meat and two jumbo slabs of hard cheese.

And they have books: the US Army Survival Manual, a book called *How to Hunt*, another called *Pet First Aid* (they have three dogs). They even have a book called *Creepy Crawly Cuisine: The Gourmet Guide to Edible Insects*, but that's just a joke, they say.

They expect Y2K to be bad, certainly, but not so bad that they'll have to eat bugs for dinner. They're trying to keep things in perspective.

"I can consume your whole life, and I don't think it needs to consume your whole life," Ray said.

The Strackbeins are part of a grass-roots movement — people stockpiling food and getting ready for the first scheduled disaster in human history.

For much of the last year, the Y2K (short for "year 2000") computer bug has been a rallying point for all manner of subcultures, from Deep Ecology hippies to consciousness-raising spiritualists to apocalyptic fundamentalists to gun-toting militia organizers.

But now the Y2K fears are spreading into the mainstream, into the house next door, the next cubicle, the adjacent seat on the Metro.

FOR many of these people, Y2K is not merely a crisis, it's a transformational experience.

This is a chance to discover who they are, what they're made of, and how they would survive if suddenly stripped of the enveloping comforts of modern civilization.

The Y2K, or millennium, bug is the infamous programming flaw that could cause widespread computer failures at the very moment 1999 gives way to the year 2000.

These computers contain programming codes that recognize only the last two digits of the year, and "00" may be interpreted as the year 1900. No one knows whether Y2K will cause a mere technologi-



A night shot of the Millennium Dome in London, whose organizers plan to open the site on the turn of the century. The organizers, the New Millennium Experience Company, says it has £120 million (NIS 840m.) in confirmed sponsorship.

cal hiccup or something far more serious.

The problem has triggered a multibillion-dollar effort to fix the software problems before the millennium. The US government says that the public need not panic.

"There's no evidence at this point to indicate that people should be disrupting their lives in any significant way because of the year 2000 problem," said Jack Gribben,

spokesman for the President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion.

But the grass-roots movement isn't buying it. Dozens of Y2K gurus are stalking the Internet, some warning of a "meltdown." The Internet acronym of the moment is TEGTAWKI, which is slightly easier to write than The End Of The World As We Know It.

The dire scenario includes prolonged power outages as winter hits high gear; food shortages; sewers backing up; faucets running dry; and, of course, martial law.

There are fears that planes will fall out of the sky — everything these days has "embedded chips" that might go haywire at that time.

Alarmists in the US believe that the government is playing down the danger in order to stave off public panic or a run on the banks. Many corporations have announced that they have made progress in becoming "Y2K compliant," but skeptics think this may be a ruse to prevent stock prices from falling.

Suspicion is a powerful energizer.

THE Y2K experts are now saying

that this is not merely a technological problem but a social one as well. Some of the fears could become self-fulfilling prophecies.

The Federal Reserve has already taken steps to put an extra \$50 billion into the banking system in anticipation of people withdrawing cash from their accounts.

So far, most people apparently are not paying much attention to Y2K. When the Strackbeins talk to their neighbors, they get a lot of funny looks. Washington isn't the West Coast, where Y2K is already a cultural storm.

Stephen Balkam, 43, of Washington, remembers the night he became convinced that Y2K is a problem. He went to a meeting about Y2K at the Center for Visionary Leadership, a nonprofit organization.

Every Monday night, a group of people gets together to discuss Y2K from technological, cultural and spiritual perspectives. Balkam hadn't been that worried about the issue, but that night he converted. He went home and approached his wife, Jan.

"I hugged her tight and said, 'There's something I've got to tell you.'" When she heard what he was concerned about, he said, "She thought it was nuts at first."

Now Balkam, who is president of a nonprofit organization called the Recreational Software Advisory Council, has helped organize a community group to prepare for Y2K. He's been joined by Philip Bogdonoff, a freelance Internet Web site designer who has also

been an adviser to the World Bank on environmental issues.

They are neighbors in an area with bookstores, gourmet coffee shops and upscale retail stores — not the terrain where one would expect people to be stockpiling food.

"I have sleepless nights, and then I have moments when I think it's all going to be handled. But those moments are diminishing the more I read about it and the closer we get to the day," Bogdonoff said.

He is not an extremist on Y2K by any measure. Bogdonoff merely wants to be prudent. He said he thinks it makes sense to prepare for a two- or three-week period of severe disruptions, akin to the aftermath of a major blizzard. He's just started setting aside some food — a few bags of beans, boxes of pasta, jars of spaghetti sauce, to go along with the large jars of rice and beans he already stores on a shelf.

"It's such a huge problem — possibly one of the biggest that humanity has ever faced," Bogdonoff said.

MANY of the people who have latched onto Y2K are carrying with them an ideology, religion or worldview for which Y2K is a kind of affirmation.

Said Balkam: "Our modern society has led us into this sleepwalking, in which we think that if we just flip this switch, light will appear."

The sense of being overly dependent on technology may explain why the Y2K fears are making

inroads into the normally complacent yuppie culture. People have lost the ability to do something as elementary as shutting off water to a part of their home. A typical urban house has become an inscrutable collection of wires, tubes, hoses and pipes.

Jay Golter, a federal banking researcher who lives in Springfield, Va., won't say how much food he's setting aside, in part because he's worried about being seen as "hoarding" food.

He's storing more than his own family of four needs, he said, because he assumes his neighbors aren't going to be sufficiently prepared for Y2K. "I've been very well appointed with my neighbors, and I'm expecting to have a lot of children to feed," he said.

Golter, 42, has two cords of wood, a wood stove, 98 rolls of toilet paper, 750 foam plates, 655 coffee filters, 68 rolls of paper towels, two portable grills, one solar water heater and many cans of rice, flour and macaroni.

Golter has no ax to grind on Y2K, but he said he's sensitive to how a society can become dramatically torn asunder. His mother was a refugee from Nazi Germany, and he spent time in Iran in the late 1970s when it was going through cultural upheaval as the Shah was toppled by the Islamic revolution.

Many people today are seized upon the Y2K issue and looking forward to a radical alteration in society, he said, and they don't realize how brutal it may turn out to be.

One recent morning, Golter and a small squad of Northern Virginia Y2K activists, including the Strackbeins, passed out fliers at a Metro station giving commuters suggestions for Y2K-appropriate holiday gift ideas.

Instead of buying someone silk pajamas, the flier said, why not thermal underwear? Instead of foaming bath gel, why not antibacterial wipes? Instead of earrings, why not earmuffs?

Golter dashed to and fro, chasing busy commuters, doing his best to explain an extremely complicated point of view in a matter of seconds.

He drew some blank stares. Ray Strackbein, for his part, carried a sign saying "Computer Virus to Infect the World in 400 Days."

Strackbein said that although he'll have enough food to last a year, he won't be taking a lot of cash out of the bank in advance of the millennium. The whole monetary system could collapse, he said.

"If things get bad enough, no one's going to trust the government anymore, and we'll go back to the barter system," he said. "You can barter toilet paper. People will give a lot for toilet paper."

(The Washington Post)

## The wrath of the grape workers

The California wine industry is raking in the millions, but none of it is trickling down to the workers in the fields

By RENE SANCHEZ

SANTA ROSA, Calif. — These are the best of times in California's wine country, as owners of vineyards that stretch for miles across gleaming valleys here toast record profits, soaring demand for wine that provides them field labor, were caught paying below minimum wage. Labor Department officials call the study, which was released earlier this fall, their most comprehensive look ever at the industry.

Another group that monitors labor practices, the California Rural Legal Assistance, determined

last year that more than 60 percent of the vineyards it inspected lacked toilets, hand-washing facilities or fresh drinking water for field workers. When CRLA representatives returned to the same sites this fall, one-third had not corrected the violations.

"This industry has a long way to go," said Michelle Crawford, an attorney for the watchdog group. "Across the board, the amount of concern it shows for the people creating this great wealth for vineyards is still negligible. Many growers either don't know the law, or don't seem to care about following it."

CALIFORNIA winemakers concede some violations, which they say are being swiftly corrected, but contend that much of the criticism is unwarranted or exaggerated. Growing competition among vineyards for field workers, they say, has actually begun to improve wages and benefits. They say some of the Labor Department's findings stem from how difficult it is to determine hourly wage rates at vineyards because many pay by

the volume of grapes workers pick.

"The portrait being drawn is not a fair one," said Karen Ross, president of the California Association of Grape Growers, which represents most vineyards in the state. "Once they know the laws — and we're working hard to make sure they do — most of our growers genuinely want to comply with them."

The debate over migrant labor is as old and complex as any in California. A generation ago, famed activist Cesar Chavez formed the United Farm Workers of America union and led boycotts and strikes to try to improve conditions in the fields. But today the stakes are much higher, wine has become a multibillion-dollar industry in California.

In Sonoma and Napa counties, about 75 miles north of San Francisco, and throughout the state's verdant Central Valley, vineyards have never recorded higher profits, produced more jobs or welcomed more tourists. Last year, they produced nearly \$6 billion in revenue and hired more than 100,000 workers.

There are now about 8,000 vine-

yards in the state — 1,500 in Sonoma County alone — and they can barely keep pace with demand, especially for more expensive bottles. In just the last few years, more than 100,000 acres have been converted into grape fields. And with widely publicized studies suggesting that it can be healthy to consume moderate amounts of the drink, no one here expects the expansion to let up soon.

IT is a boom that could not occur without thousands of workers. Even with technological advances, winemaking still has to begin the old-fashioned way: gently plucking grapes from vines by hand. The only people willing to do that any more are Mexican immigrants who speak little if any English. And many of them would have a difficult time finding other work.

Still, advocates for the workers said that because they are necessary, they should get more spoils from the industry's success. The number of workers who show up only for a few weeks during the harvest is diminishing. By

some estimates, about half now live year-round with their families near vineyards, another sign of how the industry, and California, is changing.

"They need us," said Salvador Mendoza, a slight, middle-aged man in dusty cowboy boots who picked grapes for two decades until he began organizing for the United Farm Workers. "But there are still too many bad conditions in the fields. There are promises about money, or transportation, or housing that are not kept."

As he walks the dirt paths of vineyards across Sonoma County, speaking to brigades of field workers sweating in the sun, Mendoza keeps his sermons simple. He said activists are only campaigning for what the law says they are due in wages and working conditions. "All we want," he says, "is dignity."

Earlier this fall, workers at one vineyard near Santa Rosa sent a tremor through the local wine industry by staging two brief strikes after their demands for better pay and safer transportation were ignored. Afterward, in a move still uncommon among grape pickers, they voted to unionize, even though some vineyards warned that doing so would raise costs and lead to more mechanization in the fields; in essence, threatening their jobs.

At Gallo Wines, an industry giant, workers have spent four years trying to reach an agreement on a contract after they voted to unionize.

At other sites, workers are clamoring for better housing. Some vineyards provide temporary sleeping quarters during the peak weeks of harvest, but because doing so is an invitation for more expenses and more regulations, most do not. It is not unusual for groups of six or more workers to cram into cheap motel rooms, or sleep under bridges.

Others have no choice but shanty housing. (The Washington Post)

## Tired of asking people if they speak English?

### Shaar Lamathil



Israel's leading beginners' Hebrew weekly

To order, mail or fax this form to Shaar Lamathil c/o The Jerusalem Post Circulation Department, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000. Fax: 02-538-9017 Tel: 1-800-22-22-77 Email: subs@jpost.co.il

☐ Please send me a one-year subscription for NIS 155\*  
☐ Please send me a six-month subscription for NIS 85\*  
 \*These prices are for subscriptions in Israel only. Ask about our overseas prices.

Check one:  
☐ Enclosed is a check payable to The Jerusalem Post  
☐ Please charge my credit card: ☐ Visa ☐ Ica ☐ Diners ☐ Amex

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_



Ministry of Immigrant Absorption  
 Tel Aviv District  
 Public Service Improvement Dept.  
 Public Complaints Office

The Ministry of Immigrant Absorption will operate an open-line on absorption matters on Thursday, December 10, 1998 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Ministry officials will offer assistance only on employment and on immigrant rights included in the absorption basket and customs.

Immigrants wishing to make use of this service are requested to call Tel. 03-529-9999

Questions may be asked in Hebrew, French, English, Russian, Spanish and Amharic.

סניף ראשון



# Clinton's legal team launches final defense 'Conduct was sinful, not impeachable'

By LARRY MARGASAK

WASHINGTON (AP) — Opening a final defense against impeachment, President Bill Clinton's legal team told the House Judiciary Committee yesterday that Clinton's conduct was sinful, but not impeachable.

"Nothing in this case justifies this Congress overturning a national election," White House special counsel Greg Craig told the committee in a national broadcast hearing. "There are no grounds for impeachment." Craig also questioned the truthfulness of Monica Lewinsky, the former White House intern whose account of an affair and cover-up put the Clinton presidency in jeopardy.

"We think in some areas she provided erroneous testimony that is in disagreement with the president's testimony," Craig said under questioning.

The lawyer promised a "powerful case" against impeachment that includes testimony from 14 witnesses over two days. The committee will then vote on articles of impeachment related to Clinton's admitted sexual contact with Monica Lewinsky when she was a White House intern.

Committee Republicans frequently expressed dismay that Craig refused to say Clinton had lied under oath and that the White House didn't summon any witnesses with direct knowledge of the case.

Democratic Rep. Marty Meehan lamented that a committee vote in favor of impeachment was "a foregone conclusion" regardless of the hearing testimony.



White House Special Counsel Gregory Craig (left), former attorney-general Nicholas Katzenbach (center), and Yale University Prof. Bruce Ackerman are sworn in yesterday before testifying at the House Judiciary Committee's impeachment hearing. (AP)

One of the first witnesses, Yale University law professor Bruce Ackerman, argued that the Senate could not hold a trial on impeachment next year without a vote from the newly elected House, where Republicans hold a slimmer majority.

Craig urged legislators to understand that "As surely as we all know that what he did is sinful, we also know it is not impeachable," but Committee Chairman Henry Hyde said Monday that his panel had made a "compelling case" for removing

Clinton for office. Clinton previewed the White House submission to the committee and Craig's testimony and ordered changes "to make it more clear he accepts responsibility for this and is deeply sorry," an administration official said.

Further, the official said Clinton instructed that the White House defense be presented in a way that is not confrontational. Almost two-thirds of Americans oppose Clinton's impeachment, according to two polls released Monday.

## Germany's FM urges NATO to change nuclear policy

By PAUL TAYLOR

BRUSSELS (Reuters) — New German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer challenged NATO yesterday to reduce its dependence on nuclear deterrence in the post-Cold War world, but the alliance's atomic powers politely rebuffed him.

Fischer, a leader of the anti-nuclear Greens party which grew out of 1980s pacifist movements and which now is part of Germany's coalition government, urged the alliance to set an example in the fight against the spread of weapons of mass destruction by renouncing the first use of nuclear arms.

"NATO has never in the past imposed taboos on thinking. That was its strength and should remain so," he said.

He was given a courteous hearing and several ministers said it was legitimate to revisit nuclear policy as part of a review of NATO strategy for the 21st century. But the nuclear powers — the US, France and Britain — rejected any attempt to tie their hands.

"NATO is a consensus organization and the nuclear powers said they thought differently," Fischer told a news conference after making his debut at a NATO foreign ministers' meeting.

The minister said he had received some "nods and winks of encouragement" from colleagues but he declined to say who, if

anyone, had spoken in support of his "no first use" proposal.

A senior NATO official, spelling out the majority view, said nuclear weapons had helped "preserve the peace in Europe for the longest period since the Holy Roman Empire."

There would have to be serious military reasons for any change of policy, he added.

US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright assured European allies that Washington was not trying to create a "global NATO," although she said the alliance must be flexible in meeting challenges to its common interests beyond its borders.

She also urged NATO to undertake a new initiative to combat weapons of mass destruction and endorsed Franco-British proposals for a stronger European defence role while insisting it must not pre-empt NATO decision-making.

Albright's comments were the first formal unveiling of US proposals for NATO's 50th anniversary summit in Washington next April, which will welcome the first former communist central European NATO members — Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic.

French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine argued against "too elastic an interpretation of common interests" and said NATO operations beyond alliance borders should require a United Nations Security Council mandate.

## Iraq agrees to surprise inspections

By PATRICK WORSNIP

MOSCOW (Reuters) — Iraq is prepared to cooperate with surprise arms inspections by a UN team, provided they met criteria agreed in the past with the UN. Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said yesterday.

But he warned at a news conference during a visit to Moscow that Iraq is not prepared to let inspections continue indefinitely unless Western powers agree to lift UN economic sanctions against the country, in place for eight years. He said he had been told the UN

team had carried out four inspections yesterday morning and that they met the criteria he had agreed to in 1996 with Rolf Ekeus, former head of the UN Special Commission (UNSCOM).

He did not spell out the criteria. "So the answer is yes... we are going to allow it," Aziz said when asked if Baghdad would cooperate with the surprise inspections which current UNSCOM chief Richard Butler said on Monday his team would carry out.

"These are the first intrusive inspections of suspect sites where

prohibited weapons programs may exist since Baghdad promised last month to restore full cooperation with UNSCOM, which was broken off in October.

Referring to a statement by Butler that two to three weeks would be needed to establish whether Iraq is cooperating with UNSCOM, Aziz said Butler had told Iraq in writing that that period was due to start on November 24.

"He should report next week, seven or eight days from now. Let us see if he is going to keep his promise."

## Hostages' severed heads found in Chechnya

By ALIKHA TOSUYEV

DOVYDENKO, Russia (Reuters) — The severed heads of three Britons and a New Zealander kidnapped by Chechen gunmen were discovered yesterday in a sack on a deserted highway in the breakaway Russian region.

Chechen militiamen prevented journalists from filming the scene three km. from the village of Dovydanko.

Britons Darren Hickey, Rudolf Petschi, and Peter Kennedy and New Zealander Stanley Shaw were captured by unknown gunmen on October 3 in the Chechen capital, Grozny, where they were installing a mobile phone system.

It was the first time foreign hostages had been murdered since the end of Chechnya's 1994-96 war with Russia.

The heads were later taken to a morgue in Grozny. Other parts of the bodies were not found.

Chechen officials said a man who had worked as a bodyguard for the four before they were captured had identified them. The guard was under investigative custody and could not be reached.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook called the murders "repugnant" and pledged to confirm the details of the case and learn what is being done to bring the perpetrators to justice.

Chechen First Deputy Prime Minister Turpal Atkiryev told reporters officials would name those responsible at a news conference in Grozny today.

Russian news agencies quoted Chechnya's president, Aslan Maskhadov, as saying he was saddened and angered by the news.

## British fears blocked WWII Jewish Brigade records show

By DANIEL SIMPSON

LONDON (Reuters) — For fear of creating a force that would fight for a Jewish state, British commanders blocked the formation of a Jewish army brigade for most of World War II, records released on Monday said.

Proposals from David Ben-Gurion, director of Palestine's Jewish Agency, were consistently sidelined because of British army fears over armed Jews' threats to political stability in Palestine, then under British administration.

Historians say the foundations of the future Israeli army were laid within the British forces.

Files released by the Public Records Office on Monday showed British commanders knew it could

happen and tried to head it off.

A Jewish Brigade, launched in September 1944, won War Cabinet support only after Prime Minister Winston Churchill intervened.

Backing a suggestion from Chaim Weizmann, future president of Israel, for a Jewish Brigade flag of the Star of David on a white background between two pale blue bars in an August 1944 letter, Churchill told US President Franklin Roosevelt it "would be a message to go all over the world."

War-time files show Field Marshal Sir John Dill told the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, Sir Alan Brooke, in an April 1942 briefing: "A Jewish Brigade would increase [the] internal security problem in [the] Arab world and moreover

would undoubtedly lead to pressure for larger Jewish formations." He cited "ample evidence that extreme Zionist elements cherish [the] ambition to obtain [a] Jewish National Home by force and Jewish armed organizations already exist in Palestine to this end."

Britain's most famous general, Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery, warned in a late 1946 letter to chiefs of staff: "The Jews in Palestine are fanatical about their cause and we will find both men and women fighting against us."

"They have made us dance to their tune for too long," he said as the security situation towards the end of the British mandate deteriorated.

## Jewish woman becomes new Swiss president

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

Ruth Dreifuss will today become the first woman and the first Jew to be named president of Switzerland, assuming the largely ceremonial office, which rotates among the seven cabinet ministers of the Swiss federal government, in the New Year.

Dreifuss, aged 58 and unmarried, was born in one of only three villages where Jews were allowed to live in the eastern canton of St Gall.

In 1940, with the Nazis approaching the frontier, her parents moved to Geneva.

She worked first as a hotel secretary and then as a journalist with the weekly "Cooperation" in Basel.

In 1965, she joined the Socialist Party and started studying at night school for her university entrance certificate. She graduated from Geneva University in mathematics and was appointed an assistant in the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences at Geneva University.

She served in the Swiss Development Corporation at the Swiss Foreign Ministry from 1972 to 1981, when she was elected secretary of the Federation of Swiss Trade Unions.

## Israel's Southern Landscapes

by Aviva Bar-Am & Yisrael Shalem

Your personal guide to Eilat and the Negev.

Another outstanding guide by these two veteran travel writers. Aviva Bar-Am is well known to The Jerusalem Post readers from her lively family travel columns. Dozens of family hikes and easy nature trails; fascinating car trips throughout the Negev; sensational walks off the beaten track visits to ancient Biblical, Nabatean and Roman cities; explore Bedouin culture and modern settlements. Includes a unique English-Hebrew dictionary of flora and fauna. Highly acclaimed book. Softcover, 318 pp., with full-color illustrations.

SPECIAL OFFER — Beautiful Negev Touring Map free while supply lasts.

Books, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of ISRAEL'S SOUTHERN LANDSCAPES at NIS 69 each

Postage in Israel: one copy NIS 8, two or more NIS 12

Total NIS \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check payable to The Jerusalem Post, or credit card details.

Please list gift recipients' names, address and message separately.

☐ Visa ☐ Is/MCD ☐ CC No. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Diners ☐ AmEx ☐ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_

ID No. \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

book department



JP Price NIS 69

Visit us on <http://www.jpost.co.il>

## WORLD

in brief

### Widespread power outage hits San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A power failure enveloped a large part of San Francisco yesterday, knocking out traffic lights, halting elevators, and disrupting the morning commute. Apparently the problem was concentrated in San Francisco, but there were reports of power outages from as far away as San Mateo, about 32 km. to the south.

"There is a problem in the electrical distribution system. We're working to pinpoint it now," said Len Anderson, a spokesman for Pacific Gas-and-Electric. "At the moment, we have about 174,000 customers without electricity in San Francisco and on the peninsula approximately 92,000 without electricity."

### AT&T buys business from IBM for \$5b.

NEW YORK (AP) — AT&T is buying IBM's data networking business for \$5 billion cash, filling an important gap in its ability to supply business customers with high speed data services and Internet access.

IBM's Global Network Business, with \$2.5 billion in revenue, has one million Internet users and tens of thousands of business customers in the US and abroad. Companies use the network to link computers that are far apart, to accept orders from customers, and to connect to the Internet. Under the deal, announced yesterday, 5,000 IBM employees from the global network division will go to work for AT&T when the deal closes.

The deal is expected to be concluded by next summer.

### Kosovo rebels reject US peace draft

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — The chief spokesman for Kosovo's rebels, Adem Demaci, rejected the latest peace plan for the troubled province on Tuesday, and demanded the removal of its American architect for alleged pro-Serb bias.

Demaci said the latest peace plan, drafted by US envoy Christopher Hill, was unacceptable because it doesn't envisage what will happen to the Kosovo Liberation Army.

Hundreds of people were killed, and almost 300,000 ethnic Albanians were forced from their homes, in a seven-month crackdown on separatists by Serbian forces before an October peace accord.

### S. African apartheid party changes its name

CAPE TOWN (AP) — Seeking to overcome its image as the party that set up apartheid, the National Party is changing its name to the New National Party. The leader of South Africa's former ruling party, Marthinus van Schalkwyk, said yesterday the party has applied to the Independent Electoral Commission to participate in next year's national elections under the new name.

### FBI releases 1,275 pages of Sinatra's file

WASHINGTON (Reuters) — The FBI released 1,275 pages of its files on Frank Sinatra yesterday, showing the agency linked the late legendary singer with Mafia leaders, Hollywood moguls, and the inner workings of Las Vegas casinos.

The documents date back at least as far as 1943, when the FBI investigated a report that Sinatra had paid a doctor to classify him as physically ineligible to serve in the US military.

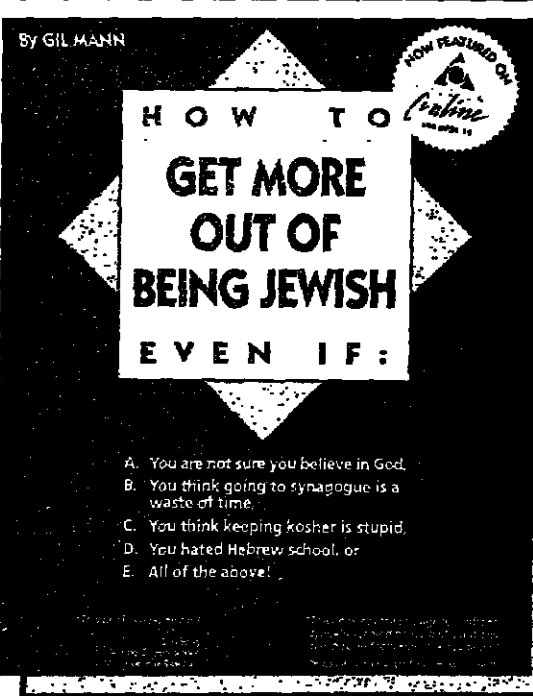
## HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF BEING JEWISH

by Gill Mann

How can you be Jewish if you are not sure you believe in God? Is Judaism really relevant today? If these questions intrigue you, or if you care about being Jewish, then this book is for you. "...a valuable contribution towards addressing the issues facing modern Jewry", Rabbi Irving Greenberg.

JP SPECIAL PRICE NIS 65 + P&H

All orders subject to availability.



To: Books, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of

HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF BEING JEWISH large format at NIS 65 each

Postage in Israel: one copy NIS 8, two or more NIS 12

Total NIS \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed check payable to The Jerusalem Post, or credit card details.

Please list gift recipient's name, address and message separately.

☐ Visa ☐ Diners ☐ AmEx ☐ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

CC No. \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

ORDER BY phone: 02-637-8377 fax: 02-637-8372

e-mail: [orders@jpost.co.il](mailto:orders@jpost.co.il)



# THE JERUSALEM POST

F. DAVID RADLER Chairman, Board of Directors  
TOM ROSE Publisher  
AVIGOLAN Vice Chairman  
PAUL STASZEWSKI President  
HIRSH GOODMAN Vice Chairman  
JEFF BARAK Editor

Founded in 1932 by GERSHON AGRON

EDITORIAL OFFICES AND ADMINISTRATION The Jerusalem Post Building, P.O. Box 81, Ramat Gan, Jerusalem 91000  
Telephone 02-531-5666, Fax 02-538-9527, CIRCULATION 02-531-5610, 1-800-222-2788, ADVERTISING 02-531-5608, 02-531-563840 Fax 02-538-8408, TEL AVIV: 5 Rehov Hama'aser, POB 28398 (61283) Telephone 03-639-0333, Fax 03-639-0277. Published daily except Saturday, in Jerusalem, Israel by The Palestine Post Ltd. Printed by The Jerusalem Post Press in Jerusalem. Registered at the G.P.O. © The Jerusalem Post 1998. Reproduction, or storage in a retrieval system, or in any other form, is prohibited without permission. Editors: 1932-1955 GERSHON AGRON, 1955-1974 TED LURIE, 1974-1975 LEA BEN-DOR, 1975-1988 ARI RAJCH and ERWIN FRENKEL, 1988-1992 N. DAVID GROSS, 1992-1996 DAVID BAR-ILLAN  
INTERNET EDITION: http://www.jpost.co.il General e-mail: jpost@jpost.co.il Editorial e-mail: editors@jpost.co.il Subscriptions e-mail: subs@jpost.co.il

CARL SCHRAG Managing Editor  
AMOTZ ASA-EL Associate Editor  
DAVID BRINN News Editor  
LEORA EREN FRUCHT Features Editor  
CALEV BEN-DAVID Magazine Editor  
DAVID ISAACSON Arts and Entertainment Editor  
JUDY MONTAGU and ILAN CHAIM Chief Copy Editors

MARLA MESSINGER Circulation Director  
NINA KEREN-DAVID Director, Electronic Publishing  
BENZION MILLER Tel Aviv Sales Manager  
WAYNE SMART Jerusalem Sales Manager  
EMILY SELENE de ROTSTEIN, Director, N. American Sales

Editorial Board: Jeff Barak, Saul Singer, Carl Schrag, Amotz Asa-El, Thomas O'Dwyer, Judy Siegel

## On the wrong road

The nation is rightly wracked by each death in Lebanon. It is a reflection of Israel's attitude towards human life that the annual death toll of about 25 soldiers is not simply written off as the tragic cost of defending the North, but could well lead to Israel's unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon. In the meantime, however, soldiers and civilians alike are dying at a rate of over 500 a year on the nation's roads, and the complacency is deafening.

The plan issued with much fanfare this week by Transportation Minister Shaul Yahalom to reduce traffic deaths contains some positive elements, but sets so modest a goal as to reinforce the mistaken impression that nothing can be done. Yahalom's stated goal is to reduce road deaths 3 percent per year for the next five years, at a cost of NIS 1.2 billion. Though the massive, cross-ministry program sounds ambitious, it falls far short of what can and should be done to reduce the daily carnage.

Road deaths are not inevitable and reducing their number is not rocket science. Mountains of research on the subject can be boiled down to two words: speed kills. Speed increases both the frequency and severity of crashes, leading to a rough formula accepted by researchers worldwide — a 2 percent reduction in speed produces an 8 percent reduction in road deaths.

The cheapest and simplest way to save lives is to reduce speed limits. Even if reducing speed limits from 100 to 90 kph only reduces actual road speeds by 2 kph, the expected result will be deaths dropping by 8 percent on those high-speed roads. In other words, by slight reductions in speed limits alone, Yahalom's target could be more than twice achieved, and 40 lives a year could be saved. Yahalom's plan practically ignores speed limits and, incredibly, his predecessors actually raised the speed limits from 90 to 100 between cities and 80 to 90 within cities in 1993.

Most people would probably support reducing speed limits if they realized how many lives would be saved. But even if politicians do not have the will to test this proposition, or resist the powerful construction and car-selling interests which tend to favor faster roads, it is possible to reduce speeds through improved enforcement measures.

The Yahalom plan, produced by the Road Safety Authority within his ministry, recognizes the need for better enforcement of speed limits

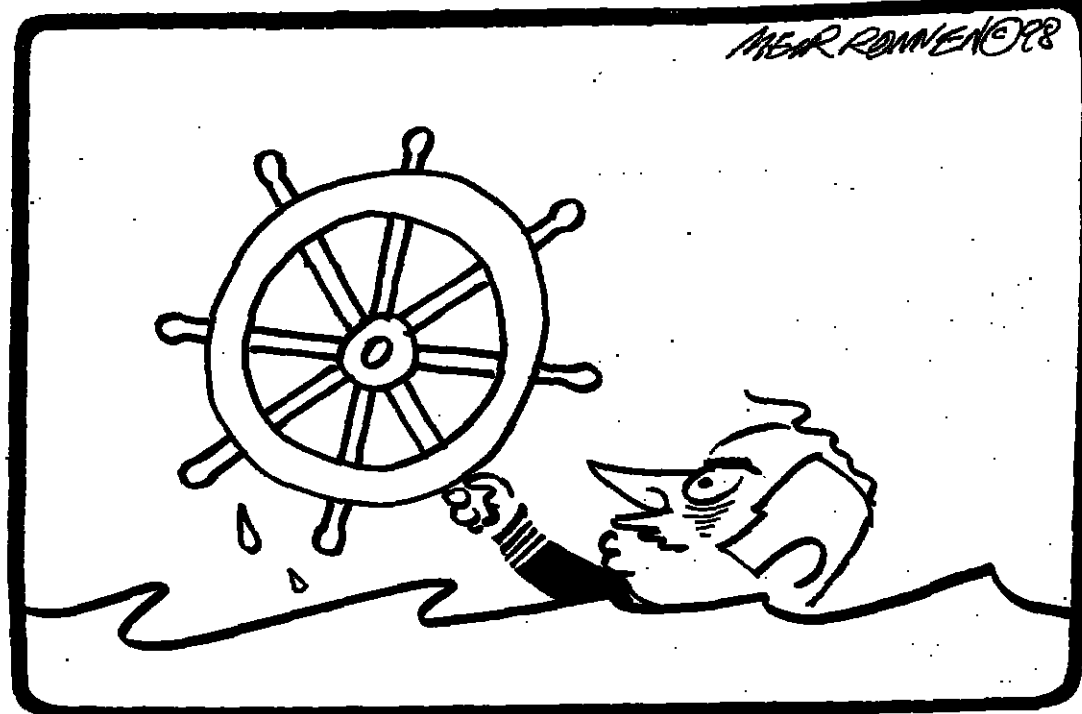
and other traffic laws, but just as a small portion of its proposed effort. Enforcement is just one of 10 target areas identified, and is slated to receive only 22 percent of the plan's budget. Even if the airwaves and classrooms were, at great cost, flooded with gory pictures of road accidents, the impact on driver behavior would be minimal. Any driver knows that what is in mind as the foot depresses the gas pedal is not those morbid public-service announcements, but the prospect (or lack thereof) of being slapped with an expensive and inconvenient speeding ticket.

The sure-fire way to save lives — as proven in many countries, including Israel — is to increase the likelihood that traffic offenders will be caught and to hike up the price they will pay. The most effective way to do that on a large scale is through the use of automated or semi-automated systems that catch offenders on camera and mete out fines either immediately, or within a few days.

In Victoria, Australia, a program centered on speed cameras reduced fatalities by 60 percent over six years. Three months ago, Drs. Gerald Ben-David and Ya'acov Adler presented the Transportation Ministry a proposal for a such a program, based on the experience in England, Australia, and a successful experimental program in Netanya. These researchers contend that urban traffic fatalities (which are over half of the total) could be reduced by 66 percent in just two years, at about one-sixth the cost of Yahalom's plan.

In any case, cost should not be an issue for a program that pays for itself many times over. As opposed to educational and advertising campaigns that, by themselves, have little to no impact on driver behavior, the speed camera-based enforcement system is estimated to generate over three times its cost through revenue from tickets, and a further five times its costs in savings from reductions in deaths and injuries.

Most Israelis would agree that if modest amounts of money could save lives, it would be money well spent. What they might be hard pressed to understand is why programs which could save hundreds of lives a year and bring money into the public purse are not being implemented. It is not too late for the Knesset to trim the fat from Yahalom's plan and redirect the funds to programs that will save the most lives and more than pay for themselves in the bargain.



## Camp David's lessons

DAVID NEWMAN

It is now 20 years since the Camp David Accords were signed. What would have seemed like a fantasy during the darkest days of the Yom Kippur War only a few years earlier had occurred. Israel's major military antagonist had been removed from the confrontation line.

A conference marking this historic event has been taking place this week at Ben-Gurion University. While the three major characters — Menachem Begin, Anwar Sadat and Jimmy Carter — are missing, many of those who participated in that process are attending. Taking center stage has been President Ezer Weizman, who was then defense minister and who forcefully promoted the cause of peace at Camp David; former Egyptian prime minister Mustafa Khalil, and former US secretary of state Cyrus Vance.

There are those who cynically point to the Israeli-Egyptian peace as a reason for not making peace with the Palestinians, or with Syria.

Where, they ask, is the normalization of relations promised so forcefully 20 years ago? Why, they argue, does the Egyptian press continue to promote vicious anti-Israel and antisemitic sentiments? When will Egypt finally open itself up fully to tourism, trade and cultural exchanges?

But despite some of the technical problems that have arisen during the past two decades, the Camp David Accords and the subsequent Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, signed in March 1979, are major success stories.

The peace with Egypt may be a cold peace; it may lack the normalization of relations between the two peoples; and it may throw up occasional bitter exchanges between the country's respective leaders, but it remains a major turning point in Israel's long years

of unceasing conflict.

Who, at the time, would ever have believed that Israel's first right-wing prime minister, would be the one to negotiate peace with Israel's bitterest enemy? Who, indeed, would have dreamt that an Egyptian president, particularly one who had been responsible for their country's greatest military successes in the early days of the Yom Kippur War, would have set foot on Israeli soil and would have addressed the Knesset, the very

**Netanyahu and Arafat would do well to adopt the attitudes that made Israeli-Egyptian peace possible**

symbol of Israeli sovereignty?

THE Camp David format, in which the American president took the respective Israeli and Egyptian leaders to a secluded, media-free retreat, exerting his own presidential pressure on two obstinate and proud national leaders was an important factor in the ultimate success of the negotiations.

It was a format which was repeated, albeit with less success, just a few weeks ago by President Bill Clinton at Wye Plantation. An agreement may have been signed, but its implementation has been held up as both sides accuse the other of not living up to their parts of the bargain.

While the American intervention was seen as a positive force at Camp David, notwithstanding the

lack of chemistry between Carter and Begin, it was accepted very grudgingly by Prime Minister Binjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat at Wye.

While the leaders of Egypt and Israel did their utmost to make sure that the peace treaty was implemented — in letter, if not always in spirit — the present Israeli and Palestinian leaders appear to be doing their utmost to make sure that the current peace process fails; with each constantly seeking a reason to blame the other for the breakdown.

The bottom line is that while both sides had everything to gain from the Camp David process — an end to the military threat for one side, and a return of lost territories and national pride for the other — the current leaders do not share the same vision.

Both Netanyahu and Arafat seem to be treating the prospective end of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as something being imposed upon them, rather than something that serves the long-term interests of both societies. What they need, first and foremost, is a change in mindset, a desire to go ahead with the peace process in the face of all the obstacles, instead of putting up every possible obstacle and then looking to blame the other side.

Of course, the nature of the dispute is very different. Much of the West Bank is adjacent to Israel's major population centers, while the Sinai peninsula is a large, unpopulated, buffer zone between two states.

But it is the political will to make an agreement which is all-important. Netanyahu and Arafat would have done well to attend this week's Camp David conference. Perhaps they would have learned how to make a true and lasting peace.

## Look, no hands!

RUTHIE BLUM

"Look, no hands!" our driver yelled with glee, when I appealed to him to slow down.

The year was 1974. I was on my first trip to Israel. The spectacular view of the approaching Dead Sea was missed by all of us touring teenagers, due to the terrifying sensation that these might very well be our last moments among the living.

One false move of the steering wheel — or one careless stomp on the brakes — and our bus would have tumbled off the serpentine road, plummeting us to our untimely deaths for no reason at all. Other than to satisfy the insatiable urge of the person at the helm to display his machismo at every opportunity. And at any cost.

"Now forget everything you were taught in your lessons," my sabra husband instructed me, when I proudly brought home my hard-earned drivers' license. "I'll show you the proper way to drive."

The year was 1983. I was the mother of his child.

The "proper way to drive" included ignoring the rule about staying on the right side of the road. "Keep as close to the center as you can," he said, "or else everyone will side-swipe you on the left."

It also included using the horn instead of the brakes, whenever possible. And speeding up when another car tried to pass me on the highway. Luckily for us and the rest of the country's road travelers, I'm an even slower learner than I am a driver.

"A train collided with a bus which had stalled on the tracks," the radio announcement drummed, chilling the blood of all who heard it. The bus, which had been transporting a group of young children on a class trip, did not stop before the railroad crossing. The year was 1985.

If the driver hadn't been killed, he might have been lynched by the parents of the dead and injured, who had been entrusted

**When it comes to futile causes, vehicular "virtuosity" ranks way above border protection**

to his care. Or by others throughout the country who, like me, decided never to allow our progeny out of our sight again, let alone into a moving vehicle driven by a stranger with a bravado complex.

"SLOW DOWN!" called out the high-school pupils to the driver of their bus, taking them from Beersheba to Eilat.

The bus overturned, after its cocky navigator ignored the yield sign at the Ketura intersection and turned full speed ahead onto the Arava Road. The accident left two kids in critical condition, and many more traumatized for life.

The year is 1998. The "accident" occurred on Sunday evening. The evening of the day on which the Transport Ministry released a new plan for combating road carnage.

The plan: to reduce the legal driving age from 17 1/2 to 17, and to increase the period during which a new driver is required to be accompanied by an experienced one.

In a weekend interview with Yehudit Aharonov, experienced driver Victor Zargarian — who two months ago opted for "kill-and-run" on the Coastal Highway over stopping to receive a speeding ticket from his victim, a traffic policeman — said the following: "I'm a good driver...I have good instincts...I know how to battle [sic] the road, and to drive at incredibly high speeds."

Perhaps the ministry should consider hiring him as a road-safety consultant. "Look, no hands!" my 16-year-old son hollered happily, while his little sister was perched on the handlebars of his bike.

This is the son who is taking Drivers' Ed in school. The son who will be given the license to "forget everything he was taught in 'proper way' in fewer months than I would care to contemplate."

"I have no idea how I could live with the loss of a son in a futile cause," said a member of the Four Mothers group, which advocates unilateral withdrawal from Lebanon. As a parent of four children, three of whom are male, I wholeheartedly sympathize that sentiment.

When it comes to futile causes, however, vehicular "virtuosity" ranks way above border protection.

And when it comes to the risk to our loved ones, cars outdo tanks by miles.

(Los Angeles Times)

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### TIME WASTING

Sir, — As the closest relative of my 99-year-old uncle, I had to obtain a work permit for a foreign worker to live with him.

After getting all the required forms together, I went to the Interior Ministry. I arrived at 7 a.m. to get a number. At 8 a.m. we were admitted into the building. Finally at 11:30 a.m. I reached the clerk who took the documents and...gave me a new number in

order to wait another two hours to pay NIS 120. I was told to return in a month's time to pick up the documents.

Has the Interior Ministry never heard of the Postal Authority? Why could I not have sent all the documents by registered mail? Alternately, why could not the clerk who took my documents also take my NIS 120? In short, why did I have to waste a whole day,

and have to repeat this in a month? No words can adequately express my feelings of anger and disgust at the inefficiency with which this part of the ministry is run. Clearly for them, other people's time is cheap and can be wasted with impunity.

DR. ESTHER GOSHEN

Jerusalem.

### HANUKKA LESSONS

Sir, — In his article, "The Lessons of Hanukkah," (Ba'kehila, December 4), Moshe Kohn informs us, "Today we have already had a political murder of a ruler by a lay malcontent."

Either this is a serious misprint or a shocking rewriting of history. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's murderer was undoubtedly an Orthodox, yeshiva-educated per-

son whose motivations, as loathsome as they were, were justified by himself and others in religious terms.

Some in the Orthodox community have been accused of not taking to heart the proper lessons of the hatred and incitement leading one of its members to this dread deed.

I hope this statement is not an indication of an even more blatant

rejection of responsibility.

BARRY RUBIN

Tel Aviv.

Moshe Kohn replies: My statement indicates nothing more than my intention to distinguish between Yigal Amir, a layman, and the later-Hasmonean-era kings and priests and princes who murdered each other.

### GOD BLESS ISRAEL

Sir, — I live in Nashville, Tennessee. I really don't understand why Israel would give up land for peace.

From what limited knowledge I have of the strength of Israel, you could keep your enemies at bay. I know that this is not popular with most world leaders. But in my opinion God gave you the land and it is yours to prosper. I would hope that some day Israel would stop giving land for peace.

God bless Israel.

JACK SAYLES

Nashville.

## FROM OUR ARCHIVES

50 years ago: On December 9, 1948, The Palestine Post reported on two days of heavy fighting on the Nirim front in the Negev during which the Egyptians lost more than 100 soldiers killed and wounded and had five of their tanks destroyed.

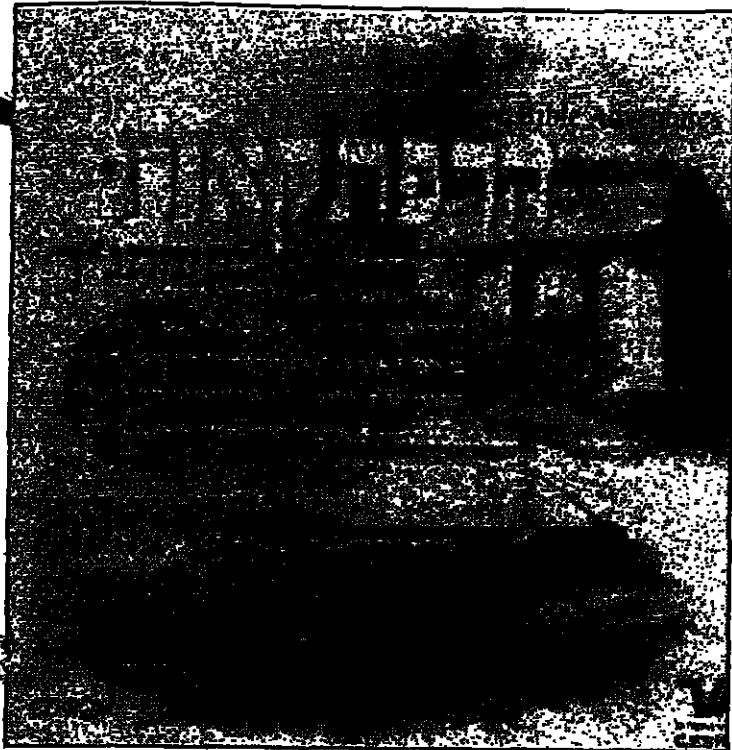
25 years ago: On December 9, 1973, The Jerusalem Post reported that a total of 2,412 members of the Israeli armed forces had been killed in action since the beginning of the Yom Kippur War on October 6, 1973. This number included 57 killed after the cessation of the hostilities, as well as

soldiers who died later from wounds. Two thousand, one hundred and nineteen soldiers had been identified, while 508 were still unaccounted for, including 293 believed to be dead according to the eyewitness reports.

Alexander Zvielli

صكدا من الاصل





## Bible's hidden layers



By Judy Siegel-Itzkovich

**Harpata'ot Be'olam Haanach: Gideon** ("Interactive Bible Adventures: Gideon"), a CD-ROM in Hebrew by Gesher ([www.gesher.co.il](http://www.gesher.co.il)) and the Lambda company, requires Windows 95 and up, for junior high-school pupils, NIS 50 plus NIS 9 shipping and handling, orders via (05) 765-1999. Rating: ★★★★★

Warning to Bible teachers: You are liable to be replaced by a piece of metal-coated plastic. Well, not quite, but the new Gesher series of multimedia programs teaches the Bible with a depth of meaning that probably hasn't been taught for decades — at least in secular schools. If used wisely, teachers are likely to find that their pupils begin to like Tanach.

Gesher is not David Levy's party, but the nonpolitical, non-profit organization founded in Jerusalem nearly a quarter of a century ago by Rabbi Dr. Daniel Tropper. Its aim — more relevant today than ever — is to promote understanding and coexistence between religious and secular Jews in Israel. Gesher received financial and technical support from the Education Ministry to produce the series, along with donations from the Jewish Federation in New York.

In addition to the Gideon disk there are two others — in Hebrew only — about Deborah the Prophetess and Samson; Dr. Tropper says that two more, on the Israelites' assembly at Mt. Sinai and on the Ten Commandments, will be issued in English and Hebrew in about six months.

Meant especially for secular schools where the Bible is frequently a dreaded, demeaned subject, the disks will also appeal to open-minded religious schools whose educators don't mind (or would actually welcome) modern commentaries and illustrations that make the Bible more "relevant."

The story of Gideon — a judge, intelligence expert, diplomat and fighter who delivered Israel from the Midianites and Amalek — is told in only three chapters in the Book of Judges. The disk, which is auto-run (doesn't have to be installed) but requires adjustment of your computer to 800x600 resolution and 256 colors, supplies the entire text and puts the whole Bible on line as reference.

A wide variety of icons can be clicked to explain and illustrate the words, to show the text in Aramaic translation, to provide commentary from traditional sources like Rashi and Abarbanel, Midrash from the Sages and comments by contemporary writers, to offer automatic comparisons of a theme with text from other parts of the Bible; to translate words, and call up pictures and photographs to describe terms, phrases and names.

The modern notes include a song on Gideon by Naomi Shemer and a discussion of dreams by the psychiatrist Alfred Adler.

After clicking a resource icon, words or phrases in the text are highlighted with color to show that they are linked to relevant commentary and illustration. In the options section, users can choose to have the text read out to them, hear soothing background music or have hints presented to help them answer quiz questions.

Nine "work pages" are another resource: click a symbol to begin a structured journey through the text assisted by icons that introduce all the resources in logical order.

The "Library" includes scores of Hebrew terms, a collection of all the photos, drawings and maps;

and nine video clips — including the Jordan River, goats, wild donkeys and Timna.

Quiz yourself on all the material with a game that displays pomegranates advancing along a grid with every correct answer until the player wins and the pomegranate reaches its destination.

Gesher is to be congratulated for this wonderful new educational tool whose techniques — which reveal hidden layers of biblical text — could be adapted successfully to the teaching of other subjects, including history. Already in use in 10 schools around the country, the Gesher disk has been declared by one pedagogue as "having great potential" in advancing Bible study in many schools.

**Heyl Ha'avir Hayisraeli, Yovel Hahamishim: Ha'albim** ("The Israel Air Force: The Jubilee Album"), two separate CD-ROMs, one in Hebrew and one in English, requires Windows 95 and up, by Pixel Multimedia, distributed by Hed Artzi Multimedia, for teenagers and adults, NIS 200 each. Rating: ★★★★★

THE best go to the Air Force is the saying in the Israel Defense Forces. But the best and most imaginative software designers apparently weren't hired to produce this digital album marking the Air Force's contribution to Israel's 50 years of statehood. The program is dry and unexciting, a compendium of facts and statistics to which photos and rather grainy video clips were added. It lacks romance and passion, fascination with flying machines and stories about pilots devoted to their duty and willing to risk their lives. Although the text and illustrations cover all the blood and guts of Israel's wars and operations, they don't excite the user.

I discovered, to my surprise, that the Israel Defense Forces' massive new Internet site ([www.idf.il](http://www.idf.il)) for Hebrew and [www.idf.il/English](http://www.idf.il/English) for the English version) contains much of the textual material offered in the disk — and it's accessible for free!

Graphically, the disk is clear and easy to use. There are short greetings in Hebrew (with English voice-over in the English-language disk) from the current commander of the IAF, Eitan Ben-Elihu, and its sixth commander, President Ezer Weizman, plus thumbnail sketches and photos of the other 11 commanders.

There's an index in the form of a tree that helps the user locate the wars in which the IAF was involved (Independence, Six Day, Attrition, Yom Kippur, and Peace for Galilee), plus details about military operations from Balak (the May 1948 aerial bridge to Israel that transferred an entire base from Czechoslovakia) to Accountability (in Lebanon, 1993).

A narrator reads out the text, which is printed on the right side of the screen, but the sentences don't scroll down to keep up with the voice-over. A number of maps and still photos are available in addition to video clips, which can be viewed — fuzzily — across the entire screen. There are a handful of personal accounts in the form of short taped reminiscences, but these provide little insight.

Then come the aircraft: a few dozen planes from the Airovan M-57 to the Westwind; eight anti-aircraft missiles, 17 helicopters from the Alouette to the Sikorsky S-58 (misspelled sometimes as Sykorski), and 18 foreign planes from Russia's Antonov 12 to the British Vampire.

What is missing from this disk are video interviews with young pilots (they could easily have been disguised or masked) about their personal experiences and motivation; the disk also lacks an IAF flight simulator of Israeli missions, but Hed Artzi sells a separate program with such a feature, produced with *Jane's* (the British journal on the world's military). It costs another NIS 200.

There were audible gasps in the lecture hall as the videotape showed a day-care worker feeding a bottle to a toddler and standing with her back to the child, not looking at him but watching the other children in the room.

When she tried to hand the bottle to the child to feed himself and he cried in protest, she said, impatiently, "I can't just stand here and feed you."

In another video vignette, a toddler repeatedly hit and kicked the child next to her. This went on for a long time. The victimized child protested and cried for more than 10 minutes — without any intervention by a caretaking adult.

The video presentation aimed to demonstrate examples of neglect in Haifa area day-care centers, and was just one of the research projects discussed at last month's conference called "Day Care in Israel: Developmental Opportunities and Dangers," held at Bar-Ilan University.

According to the experts who addressed the conference, the primary reason for inadequate day care in the country's centers is the unacceptable ratio of caregivers to children.

The video presentation from Haifa was merely the most blatant illustration of how the sheer numbers of babies and toddlers in local day-care centers creates problems in delivering quality care.

In a University of Haifa study released in October, of which the video was a part, Prof. Avi Saguy, head of the university's Center for Child Development, and his associate, Dr. Nina Koren, found that the caretaker-child ratio for babies under two in government-sponsored centers was one caretaker for every 7.2 babies. In private centers, it is one to 8.4.

This is far above the professionally recommended ratio of caregivers to extremely young children, which is no more than three to four infants or toddlers per adult.

WHEN caretakers are overburdened, Saguy and Koren noted, emphasis tends to be on the technical care of the children — feeding, diapering, and putting them down to nap — rather than on the face-to-face adult-to-child interaction that is critical to successful development.

"This, the researchers said, was the key problem, and not actual physical neglect."

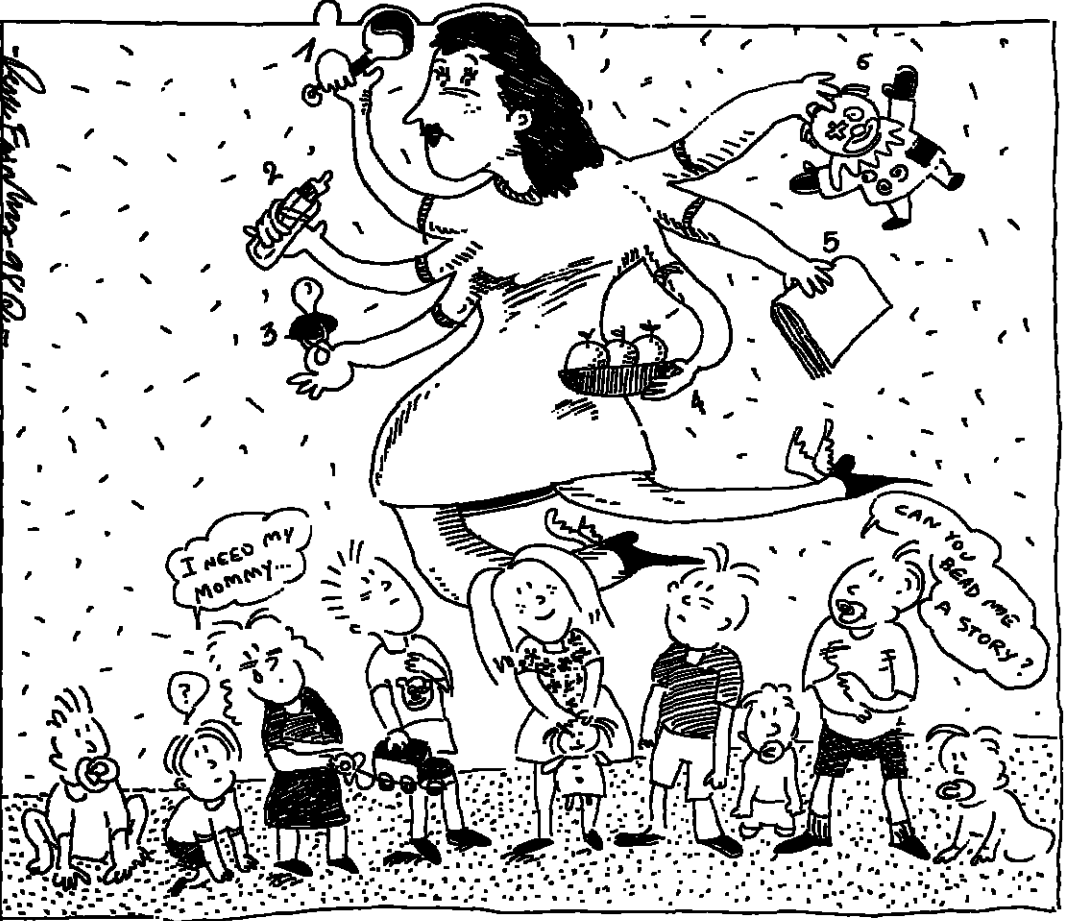
"In the overcrowded centers, while there is not that much actively negative — or excessively positive — behavior, there is too much indifference in the way the caregivers treat the children," said Koren.

Prof. Pinna Klein, director of Bar-Ilan University's Baker Center for the Study of Developmental Disorders in Infants and Young Children, elaborated on the results of these problematic ratios:

When the caretaker-child ratios are so high, she said, caregivers have "fewer chances to see and

## When more is hardly merrier

The problem with local day care centers is that too few caregivers are responsible for too many children, Allison Kaplan Sommer finds



study each child, less of an ability to convey a sense of accomplishment, a shorter interaction time, less physical and eye contact, and less explanation to and speaking to the children."

The implications of the problem go beyond the individual, to something the whole of society must eventually deal with.

The study found that inadequate day care will not have so serious an effect if the child lives in a secure home; but children who come from disadvantaged homes and receive substandard day care seriously risk developmental problems later on in life.

This could create a sector of the population that is not cognitively or socially well-developed, one that has trouble dealing with authority figures.

THE conference was organized by Klein to "educate parents toward a more critical analysis of the day care their children are receiving."

But the audience, which included many day-care center directors from the Na'amat, WIZO and Emunah organizations, viewed some of the research as an attack on the quality of care provided by all day-care centers, and as a call for parents to keep children home with their mothers, or a nanny.

There is little likelihood of this, Israel is a society that believes in group care: 70 percent of children

under two are in a group situation; among two- to three-year-olds, the percentage rises to 90%.

Klein and the other experts did their best to stress that group care could be praiseworthy, and that when it isn't, the fault is not necessarily the caregivers'.

Klein said her research observed very different behavior in the same day-care worker when she was caring for three children at a time, and when she was caring for eight children.

The academics agreed that little will improve until parents gain greater "consumer awareness" and act to improve care for their children.

Unfortunately, said Prof. Miriam Rosenthal, an early-childhood specialist at Hebrew University, "parents can be partly to the problem; many willingly agree to a higher [child-caregiver] ratio if it means they pay less for child care."

In addition, Rosenthal said, Israeli parents do not always see what might be wrong with young children interacting without a great deal of adult intervention.

"What Americans might see as aggressiveness and violence, we in Israeli societies see as assertiveness," she said.

"I've asked Israeli mothers why their child is in a day-care center; one of the reasons they gave was so the child 'can learn to deal with

others, stand up for himself, and not be a doormat."

Like Klein, Rosenthal stressed that even fully qualified caregivers cannot offer children quality care if they are overburdened with too many children.

"The caregivers in this country have a great deal of good will, and want to give good care. But they are not always given the conditions in which to do so."

Those conditions, Rosenthal said, include "a knowledge of the child and his or her background and home environment, as well as a knowledge of child development."

Proper ratios help the caregivers to better knowledge of the children under their care.

ROSENTHAL points to another aspect of the problem: the lack of any required program of training for day-care workers in Israel.

According to the Haifa study, only a small percentage of those employed at the day-care centers have sufficient training in child care and child development. A quarter of the workers average one annual training session, and 35% have undergone no specific job training whatsoever.

Fewer than half receive training or directed supervision while at work.

"Why not standardize the training, create a program that would

be standard for every child-care worker in the country?" asked Rosenthal, and then answered her own question.

"When I brought this up with government authorities, I got a typical bureaucratic answer: They told me they couldn't afford it — they were concerned that the training would entitle the workers to higher salaries."

Yet the picture painted by the experts on Israeli child care was not completely bleak.

One positive element is the low turnover rate, with most child-care workers staying in their jobs over many years. In the US, by contrast, the high rate of turnover in day-care centers is a serious problem.

Job satisfaction also appears to be high. The Haifa study found that 60% of the day-care workers reported that they were "very happy" with their work, while 34% described themselves as "happy."

At the conference, there was palpable tension between the academics doing the research and those working in the field.

An angry Etti Ron, child-care supervisor for Na'amat, stood during the question-and-answer period, and protested loudly that "the child-care workers do wonderful work, even under difficult conditions."

But both researchers and those in the workplace agreed that any change had to come from the highest levels. As Ron put it, "the finance minister should be the one sitting here watching these videos."

Klein admitted there were psychological obstacles in the path of prodding the networks that manage the centers and getting parents to agitate for better care.

"The managers of the centers are understandably reluctant about letting parents know about their difficulties in providing quality care. And the parents have a problem raising their voices as well."

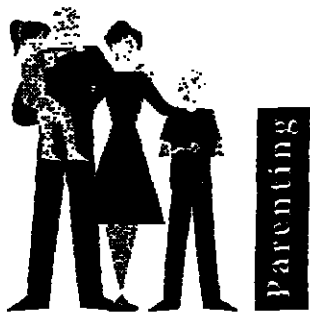
They don't want to admit that the center they send their children to every day does not give quality care. Since they do send their children there, they want to think it's okay."

PARENTS need to know what to look for, Klein noted. It is not enough, she pointed out, for a child to have eaten and slept well, been kept clean during the day and not abused in any way — the criteria parents usually use to judge whether their children are well-cared for.

They must also learn to look at the relationship between children and the caregivers, and check whether the center provides opportunities for free play and exploration.

"Babies have very strong, very clear emotional needs that need to be met. I'm not saying parents have to stay home and care for the children themselves, but mothers have to see that their children are getting what they need," Klein ended.

## A place where mothers feel appreciated



By Ruth Mason

Did you ever wish there was a place — other than your kitchen table or the playground — where you could get together with other mothers to share parenting insights, dilemmas, challenges and ideas?

In more than 100 towns and cities in the US, groups of moth-

ers have established Mothers' Centers for just that purpose. While we know of no such grassroots centers in Israel, the Parenting Column is publishing this information in the hopes of inspiring people to create some.

A Mothers' Center is a place to counteract the isolation of motherhood and to meet "colleagues" in this most challenging work.

It's a place where women care about women, a place where people strive to be non-judgmental and non-hierarchical. There is no one person "in charge," everyone works cooperatively for the common good of the center and its members. Decisions are reached by consensus.

Since this is no easy task, most centers use the services of a social worker to train members in discussion methods, decision-making

and providing individual counseling when needed.

The first Mothers' Center in the US opened in 1975 in Hicksville, a suburb of New York City. It's now located in Westbury and still going strong. The Mothers' Centers that have sprung up in the US share a belief that every woman is important, special and unique.

Differences of opinion are welcome. Members create a welcoming environment in which every mother is free to explore her feelings and ideas without fear of criticism. Members of each center decide on their activities — whether they are workshops, lectures, book-discussion groups, seminars, parent-to-parent information exchanges, etc.

According to a *Boston Globe* article, the centers offer "a sanctuary and a resource for women who sometimes feel isolated and undervalued in their role as mothers."

Here's what some members of Mothers' Centers say about the experience:

"The Mothers' Center has given me four close friends, the sisters I never had. Our children learned to separate from us in the center. We learned to come together. For that I am entirely indebted to the Mothers' Center."

"At the Mothers' Center I feel loved, accomplished and appreciated. It has been my support system and my lifeline since my second baby was three months old."

"Wherever you go, whatever you are doing for the rest of your life, you want to take what you have gotten from the Mothers' Center with you. You know you

have gained something important here."

Mothers' Centers can be located in a room in a synagogue, library, community center or any other public building.

The National Association of Mothers' Centers (NAMC), an umbrella group, offers guidelines for creating a center, publishes a newsletter, runs an annual conference and provides training and resources for local centers. Their mission: "To enable women involved in pregnancy, adoption and child-rearing to effectively use their individual and collective knowledge and experiences as catalysts for personal and societal changes that benefit mothers and families."

NAMC can be reached at 336 Fulton Avenue, Hempstead, NY 11550, USA.

### EZRAT AVOT

After years of planning, working, praying and with tremendous help from our loyal supporters, we take pleasure in inviting the public to the

### GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY OF OUR NEW COMMUNITY CARE CENTER

on Tuesday, December 15, 1998, at 2 p.m. at the building site, 17 Hamena Gimel, Romema, Jerusalem (next to Magen David Adom)

Master of Ceremonies: Mr. Gedalia Schreiber, Director General, Ministry of Religion

With the participation of: Rabbi Ratzon Arusi, Chief Rabbi, Kiryat Ono; Mr. Elad Olmert, Mayor of Jerusalem; Rabbi Aryeh Gamliel MK, Deputy Minister of Religion; Rabbi Uri Lupiansky, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; Rabbi Avraham Yosef Litzersohn MK; Shmuel Shkedi, Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem; Motti Bushari, Director General, Ministry of Science and Technology

For further information: 02-582-9984 02-566-0636 02-563-6935

Refreshments served. (Alternate arrangements have been made in case of inclement weather)

## FRENCH PROPERTIES EXHIBITION AT THE DAN TEL AVIV HOTEL

Paris & Cote d'Azur



Wed. and Thur., Dec. 9 and 10  
9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 11  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 12  
5 p.m.-10 p.m.

We offer a wide range of apartments, villas, investment properties and building plots in Paris, Nice, Monaco and St. Tropez.

During the exhibition contact us at the Caesarea Hall, Dan Hotel: (03) 520-2525  
Website: <http://www.french-real-estate.com>



## Corner



By Batsheva Mink

For many people shrubs conjure up thoughts of dense woody growth – dusty, dark and far from attractive. Such shrubbery indeed exists, mostly because planting has been done haphazardly.

In the mixed border, all plants – whether tree or shrub, bulb or climber – have a part to play. Shrubs make an invaluable contribution by uniting small trees with perennials and annuals that provide much of the border's color.

Border shrubs, as these plants are called, offer the gardener leaves, flowers, berries, and, most of all, longevity, all for a small investment.

Larger shrubs are used to frame planting beds, medium-sized shrubs form anchoring groups, and the smallest ones help shape the front lines. A number of them qualify as both foliage plants and flowering ornamentals, serving as the centerpiece of a bed or a border only to retreat into a supportive role once their showy stage of flowering has passed.

Though many popular shrubs are too large for the average border, most have dwarf or compact relatives that are highly ornamental and look as good as their larger cousins. One example is lavender, which grows up to one meter – dwarf lavender can be planted in smaller gardens which rarely grow over 35 cm.

Strong young plants will often establish themselves more quickly than larger specimens that sometimes suffer from transplanting. Young plants retain the vigor of youth, growing quickly and overtaking larger plants of the same kind.

When choosing shrubs, cast your mind forward at least 10 years to the time when the shrubs will have grown to their maximum height and spread. Remember that you can fill the spaces between small, young shrubs with annuals or other plants that have a shorter life.

Shrubs bloom in all seasons, making some worth planting for early blooming and late coloring. The planting season is during the rainy season, any time between now and February.

One shrub that bears winter flowers and thrives in most soils is the *Forsythia intermedia* (Heb. *forsythia*). This deciduous shrub originates in China and belongs to the olive family (*Oleaceae*). It is very popular with European gar-

deners because of its free flowering and undemanding nature. One of the most brilliantly colored late winter or early spring-flowering shrubs, masses of rich yellow flowers smother the forsythia in late winter and early spring. As the flowers cover the branches before the leaves appear, it makes a magnificent sight. Forsythia is a hardy shrub that grows 2-3 m. in height and width. It is an ideal plant for a hedge.

For an extended flowering season few shrubs can beat the *Hebe* species (Heb. *hebe*). Originating in New Zealand, they have a neat, compact growing habit and can also be used as ground cover. Growing from 60 to 120 cms. high, these shrubs are smothered in pink or blue flowers from spring until July and grow very well in coastal gardens.

Shrubby lavender cotton (*Santolina chamaecyparissus*, Heb. *santolina*) is one of the most popular of silver-leaved shrubs. It can tumble naturally over rocks or form a short hedge of symmetrical shapes.

Deservedly one of the most popular garden shrubs, the *Hypericum* species (Heb. *pera*) flourishes in all soils and loves an open, sunny position. It is a semi-evergreen of tidy habit that grows into a wide bush well over 1 meter high with very large saucer-shaped flowers of rich golden yellow and small inedible reddish-brown berries.

The *Potentilla* species (Heb. *hamshan*) is a small tidy shrub with strawberry-like leaves that is ideal for rock gardens and the front of borders. Some have rich yellow or bright red flowers. Some grow only as high as 10 cms while other can reach up to 50 cms.

Butterflies are attracted to buddleia to the point that the plant is been called the butterfly bush. *Buddleia alternifolia* grows as either a large shrub or a small tree. Arching sprays of fragrant lilac flowers are produced throughout the summer months.

*Convolvulus cneorum* (Heb. *havalbal neorum*) is related to the popular climbers. This small elegant shrub with silky, silvery leaves grows 50-90 cms in height. Pink buds open to white flowers; flowering is from June to September. Planted in full sun or part shade, it is a very dependable, neat and tidy shrub.

Finally, the viburnum species (Heb. *morán*) are invaluable. Not only do they flower when little else is out, they are evergreen and have heavenly scented white flowers from December to February.

When planting your shrubs, dig a hole large enough for the root ball. Mix the dug-out soil with a bucketful of organic matter such as com-

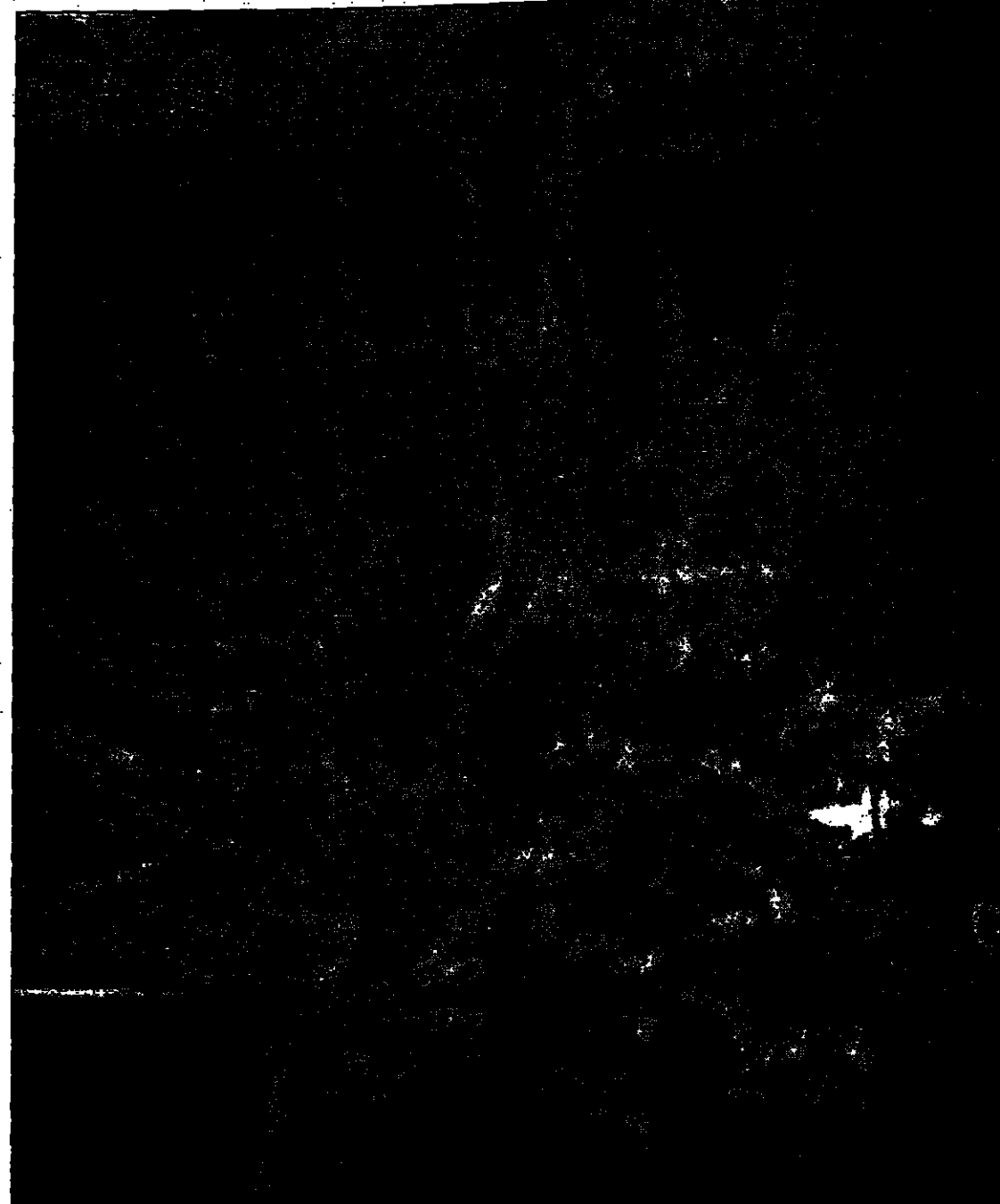


(Illustration: Judith Crown)



post or peat moss. Water the plant well before removing the container. Plant the shrub at the level of the old soil mark or 1 or 2 cms below this. Replace the soil and level with a rake. Mulch around the shrub with a layer of organic matter to conserve moisture and inhibit

weed growth. Mulch annually thereafter. Border shrubs usually need pruning only once or twice a year, but special attention should be paid to watering, especially in the first year while the shrubs are becoming established. In Israel, where



(Above) The hardy forsythia bears winter flowers and thrives in most soils; (above left) *Hypericum* deserves its status as one of the most popular garden shrubs; (below left) *Buddleia* is a magnet for butterflies.

the dry season can last as long as eight months, the foliage becomes very dusty if you don't have an overhead watering system.

Batsheva Mink is a curator of the Jerusalem Botanical Gardens, Givat Ram. Your gardening questions and comments are welcome. Contact Batsheva Mink, POB 3943, Jerusalem 91039.

## TIP OF THE WEEK

This is the best time for pruning many shrubs. All shrubs can be shaped, and to some extent kept smaller, by regular cutting back. Many are pruned annually to produce stronger flowering stems. Shrubs flower on the previous season's growth, and shrubs such as the forsythia should be cut back hard immediately after flowering to encourage the bush to produce long shoots. The longer the shoots, the more flowers they are able to carry. Shrubs like the butterfly bush (*Buddleia davidii*, Heb. *buddleya david*) flower on wood made during the same season. These shrubs make long growths from buds that have been resting over winter and flower during the summer. To increase the size of the blooms, all shoots made the previous year should be cut back hard in late winter or early spring, thus increasing bloom.

**HOW TO REACH**

**THE JERUSALEM POST**

**ADVERTISING DEPT.**

60 Rehov Yirmiyahu, Jerusalem  
5 Rehov Hameisgar, Tel Aviv

Sunday-Thursday  
**CLASSIFIED ADS (words)** 02-531-5644 Jerusalem  
02-531-5630  
03-639-0333 Tel Aviv

Sunday-Thursday  
**DISPLAY ADS (inches)** 02-531-5608  
including Obituaries 02-531-5639 Jerusalem  
02-531-5642  
03-639-0333 Tel Aviv

**FAX:** Jerusalem 02-538-8408  
Tel Aviv 03-639-0277

THE ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS

**OBITUARIES** Weekdays after 5 p.m., Fridays and Saturday nights

Tel: 02-531-5613, Fax: 02-538-9527

**TIRAT BAT-SHEVA**

**Wonderful Winter Days**

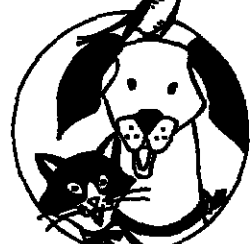
at the  
**TIRAT BAT-SHEVA HOTEL**

**FOR ANY SIMCHA**

Wedding, Brit, Bar-Mitzva  
In the CENTER OF JERUSALEM,  
adjacent to the  
YESHURUN SYNAGOGUE,  
overlooking  
INDEPENDENCE PARK.  
KOSHER, TASTEFUL events  
in refurbished halls.

**WINTER WEEKEND**  
Family Festival - 2 nights  
(including Shabbat Hamotza)  
NIS 950 per couple  
bed and breakfast  
Special Group Rates  
call Tel. 02-623-2121,  
Fax. 02-624-0697

## Heads 'N' Tails



By D'vora Ben Shaul

A high-school pupil doing a research paper on the origin of the dog wrote to me recently in great confusion. He had taken three books out of the library, and each said something different. Could I clarify?

We don't know exactly when the dog, as we know it, evolved, but we do know that dogs and humans share a long mutual history. At the same time, genetic studies have forced us to discard most of our previous theories about the dog, and change our basic assumptions.

One thing is certain: The dog is a separate species that seems to have diverged from the wolf, an important component of the canine family.

The wolf considered to be the dog's ancestor is the Middle Eastern wolf, *Canis lupus arabs* or *Canis lupus pallipes*. World-famous zoologist and animal expert Konrad Lorenz once theorized that some dogs were an offshoot not only of the wolf, but also the jackal. However, Lorenz and others later repudiated this theory.

It is now well-established that the jackal branched out of the canine family tree in the same way as the dog and had nothing to do with man's best friend. There is no genetic evidence linking the jackal to the dog except for their mutual origin in the canine family.

It is also now clear that the dog's association with humans started very early in history, as far back as 50,000 years ago, or even more. Proof of this lies in the existence of the coyote in the United States. For more than 200 years this animal was known as an American prairie wolf, but genetic tests have recently shown that the coyote is a wild dog, very similar to the Australian dingo and the Mideastern pariah dog, the "dog of Canaan."

It appears that the dog that became known as a coyote reached the North American continent with the primitive humans who migrated across the frozen wastes of Siberia and the island chain of the Bering Strait as much as 70,000 years ago. These imported dogs, at least some of them, turned feral, but genetic testing has clearly shown that the coyote carries the same DNA code as the dogs that lived around the

camp of prehistoric humans. So, like the dingo and others, the coyote is no wolf – just a dog gone wild.

There is little doubt that there are still surprises in store for us where canines are concerned. Already genes have been identified as causing some dogs to herd, and making others territorial

enough to serve as effective guard dogs. Many more of these characteristics will no doubt be determined.

But all in all, whether it's a poodle, a Rottweiler, a miniature pinscher, a dingo, a coyote or a free-wheeling dog of Canaan, dogs are not wolves, jackals or any combination of the two. They are dogs.

## Dogs will be dogs

MEIR RAVENHILL © 98



**WHY PAY NEWSTAND PRICES?**

You can now have  
**THE JERUSALEM POST**  
delivered daily to your home!  
Only NIS 90 X 12

Credit card ☐ VISA ☐ Amex ☐ Hsra ☐ Other

Card no. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date \_\_\_\_\_

סוכן מן הארץ





'The Three Musketeers' (from left): Itai Segev (Aramis), Gil Sassover (Porthos) and Zvika Hadar (Athos)

## Stars light up Hanukkah

By HELEN KAYE

In the olden days, families gathered together at nightfall after a day's work, lit their Hanukkah lamps in gratitude for the miracle at the Temple, and that was that.

These days, Hanukkah means that the kids are out of school for a week and institutions around the country rev up to entertain them.

Predictably there's a new batch of stars in new musical events, including *Treasure Island*, *Hasamba*, *Festigal '98*, and *The Three Musketeers*. Tickets to these events range from NIS 85 to NIS 115; not cheap at all, but there are always deals and specials.

*Treasure Island* stars comedian Sefi Rivlin as Long John Silver and Zapp star Yoav Zucker as Tom in the musical by Oded Flut and directed by Amir Maman, based on the classic children's story by Robert Louis Stevenson.

This version involves Tom's meeting with the Captain's daughter and naturally there are adventures, both thrilling and comic, before the Treasure comes home. I wonder how you say "Avast, me hearties" in Hebrew.

The show starts at Kibbutz Yagur in the Haifa area on December 12 with shows in Beersheba, Ra'anana, Tel Aviv and other venues through December 21.

A BEVY of stars, complete with feathered hats and swords, will swash and buckle across the stage to save the infant king in Ephraim Sidon's version of Dumas's *The Three Musketeers*, directed by Zedi Zarfati, which will be at the Tel Aviv Cinerama from December 14 to 26.

This fab three are Zvika Hadar (Athos), Gil Sassover (Porthos), and Itai Segev (Aramis). Assaf Ishar is Cardinal Richelieu and big-voiced Noa Tishbi is the sexy, and wicked Milady.

*Hasamba* is an Israeli classic based on the *Hasamba* stories by Igal Mossensohn about a Very Secret Society – the kinds kids create, complete with passwords. Local kids grew up on *Hasamba* and thrilled to its young heroes and heroines, who inevitably defeated the British and Arabs when both were perceived as villains of the blackest dye, just before and after Israel became a state.

This version, written by Assaf and Ben Levine (directed by the former), is really a little potted history, as it's set in those critical days that led to the declaration of the state. When the British catch members of the Hagana trying to smuggle in illegal immigrants, it's up to the gang to keep the location of its weapons stores a secret.

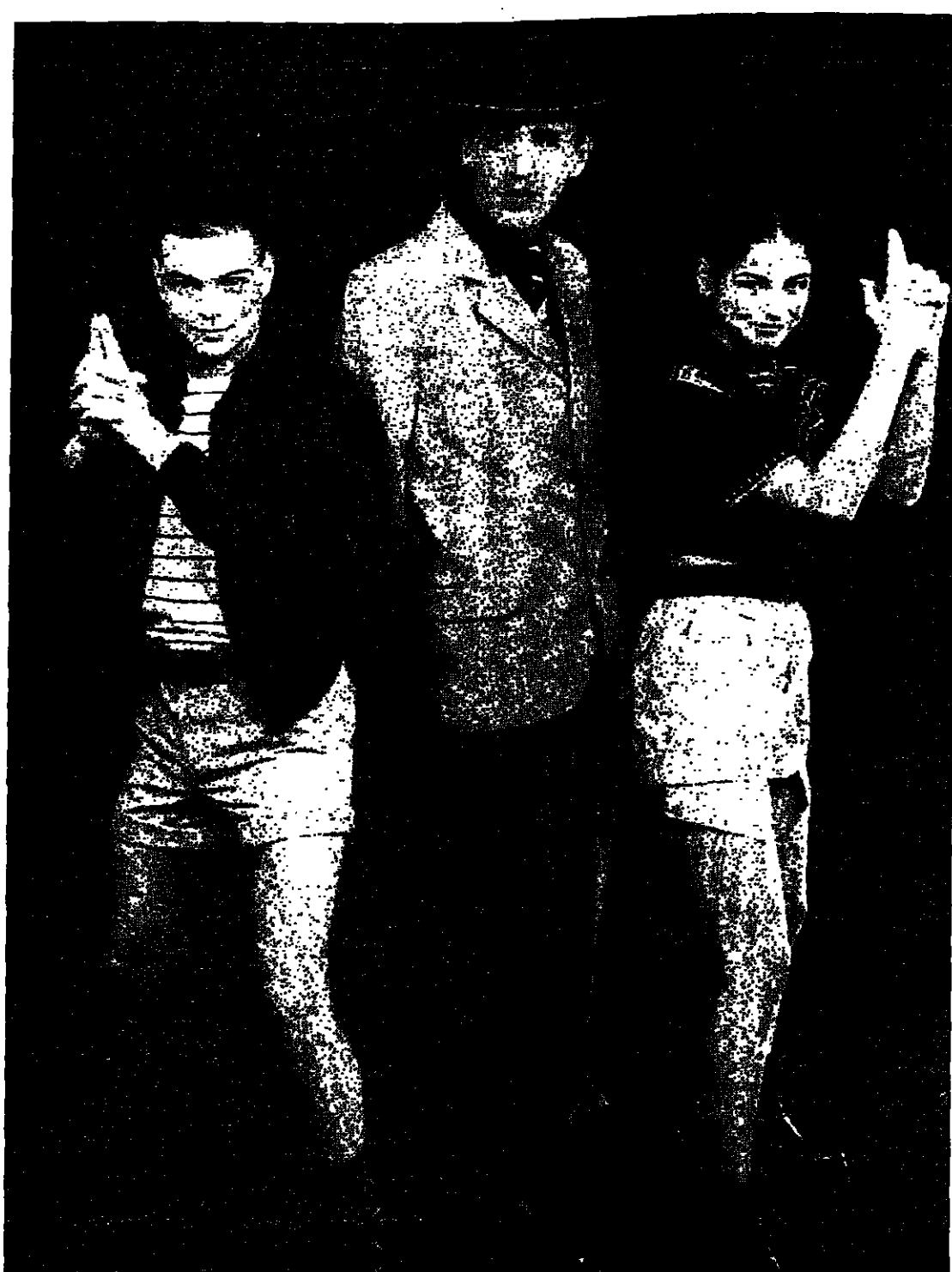
The musical stars Aki Avni as Yaron Zehavi, intrepid leader of the gang, Sandy Bar, in her first theatrical role, as Pretty Tamar and comedian Shalom Assaf as the sneaky-smith Elimelech Zorkin who betrays the kids to the British.

(Don't worry, it all ends happily.) *Hasamba* will play at the Mann Auditorium, and at the Haifa and Jerusalem Convention Centers between December 15 and 22.

Already a beloved tradition, *Festigal '98* celebrates children's dreams with nine new songs written especially for the colorful spectacle, which travels to the country's four major cities from its December 12 opening at the Haifa Auditorium, through January 2 in Beersheba.

The stars include Michal Yanai, Tuvia Tsafir, Yael Bar-Zohar, Efrat Reiten and those pre-teen heartthrobs, the Hi-Five. Child stars Meital Michaeli and Gil Segal will lead the 16 child participants, also a regular feature. The director is Moshe Kaptan.

MENACHEM Golan and Yoram Globus are reviving their *Beauty and the Beast*, Golan's own version of the durable legend of love that conquers all. It stars Sassi



'Hasamba' stars (from left): Aki Avni as the intrepid Yaron Zehavi, comedian Shalom Assaf as the sneaky snitch Elimelech Zorkin and Sandy Bar in her first theatrical role.

Keshet and Rinat Gabai in the title roles, with Eli Gorenstein stealing the show as Beauty's father. It plays at the Tel Aviv Movie Theater (near Dizengoff Circus) from December 12 to 26.

The country's museums also put on Hanukkah programs. Check listings or call museums in your area. In Jerusalem, for example, the Bible Lands Museum celebrates

the environment this year under the slogan "A big tree was here," with the olive tree as its focus.

Programs include the construction of an environmental sculpture, stories about olive trees and how to make a band of found objects hosted by multi-instrumentalist Shlomo Shavit. Info: (02) 561-1066.

Tel Aviv's Dizengoff Center is

hosting a giant happening from December 13 to 21, featuring street-theater events, a Caucasian circus, jugglers, an orchestra and more. There'll also be a candle fair.

Lastly, for skating enthusiasts, the Canada Center rink in Metulla is hosting an international competition from December 17 to 20 with participants from 22 countries.

## The poetic justice of a black Dr. Dolittle

COMMENT

Back in the early 1980s, I searched in vain for Hugh Lofting's *Doctor Dolittle* at the public library in Brooklyn's Clinton Hill, which served a predominantly black community.

A librarian explained that *Doctor Dolittle* was one of a number of "classic" children's books and stories the library had decided not to stock because they contained racially offensive material liable to damage a black child's self-esteem.

Go to the main branch of the library, she said, borrow their copy of *Doctor Dolittle*, and see for yourself. I did. And, sure enough, she was right.

While reading aloud to my 3-year-old daughter, I felt compelled to improvise sanitized versions of several adventures of the white British doctor in darkest Africa. Surprised and embarrassed by the colonial-era "humor," I wanted to protect my

child from the author's condescending, sometimes contemptuous, view of blacks.

I flashed back on that experience a couple of weeks ago when *Dr. Dolittle*, starring Eddie Murphy, came out on video. The movie, released earlier this year (and currently showing in Israeli cinemas) distills the essence of the tale and re-invents it for our times with a stroke of genius – and poetic justice – by casting a black comic actor as the doctor who can talk to animals.

Murphy plays Dolittle as the same sort of character he portrayed in *The Nutty Professor*, a guy at war with himself until he learns to accept who and what he is (i.e., a people doctor who should, in fact, be ministering to animals).

As he desperately tries to deny his miraculous gift, pursued by animals that demand his help, Murphy is a hoot.

He doesn't deliver a tour-de-force performance – as he did in multiple roles in *The Nutty Professor*, the most impressive and satisfying film of his career – but Murphy's manic interac-



'Doctor Dolittle' grossed \$143m. at North American box offices.

tions with wisecracking talking animals made *Dr. Dolittle* the most popular family film of the summer (grossing \$143 million at North American box offices).

Regrettably, *Dr. Dolittle* itself commits a single but gratuitously stupid offense that makes contemporary readers flinch when reading the book that inspired it.

If I could excise one line from the movie, in the spirit of doing the right thing, it would be the insulting reference to Italians by Chris Rock, as the voice of a guinea pig.

As Fox Home Entertainment discovered, incidentally, unfettered sexual humor can be as objectionable in some quarters as ethnic or racial stereotypes.

Case in point: Though Fox has released all of its major summer movies as consumer-priced collectibles this fall, it will be issuing R-rated *There's Something About Mary*, which grossed \$175 million this summer, as a rental video.

The reason? Trade publication *Video Business* reports that the sex comedy, starring Cameron Diaz, Ben Stiller and Matt Dillon, is too raunchy for mass merchants who worry about offending unsophisticated shoppers.

Since the bulk of consumer-priced movies are sold in the US by mass merchants, like Kmart and Wal-Mart, that makes the rental route through traditional video specialty stores the best fall-back position. (Newsday)

## Musica Nova 'yearns' for Vanunu

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Ten years ago several young Israeli composers, all members of the Musica Nova group, presented a concert that was very political in character. Each wrote a new opus that had clear political connotations and they all felt that the concert was indeed a success.

Now Musica Nova, one of our leading contemporary music ensembles, celebrates the anniversary of that specific concert to open its own 13th season on Saturday. It will again be a very political event.

Yossi Mar-Haim, 58, one of Israel's leading and most prolific composers and a jazz specialist in his spare time, recalls that a decade ago he wrote *El Malei Rahamin*, "which had its very clear political stance. Now I have composed an opus which is based on a poem by Aharon Shabtai which demands the release of Mordechai Vanunu.

"The poem does not actually speak about Vanunu, but it expresses the necessity and yearning for his release. It is written like a sonnet; it has three strophes and 14 lines with its own inner rhythm, something that usually does not exist in modern poetry."

Mar-Haim composed this poem to be played by an ensemble similar in style and composition to the one which played in that concert 10 years ago: a female chorus, a small jazz orchestra (piano, saxophone, percussion), "with the flute and harp providing the more classical balance, and a computer as well."

It took Mar-Haim almost six months to complete this opus, which is entitled, like the Shabbat poem, 12.12.

"I worked individually with all the performing musicians. I enjoy this part of the process very much; it enables me to become part of the performance as well."

Mar-Haim is known to local jazz musicians as a director of several jazz festivals and concert series. He has just begun writing a jazz encyclopedia in Hebrew and he is also writing a textbook for an Open University course on jazz.

"In jazz I'm more a historian and less a performer. But I like most to actually write music. I have written

close to 20 works by now, most of them for film and theater.

"When I write classical music I'm searching for the ideal performance, not for something which is improvised. In jazz one has to give guidelines. My writing is much more than that. Obviously each performer will bring himself to the music he plays, but I write exactly what I want to be played."

Musica Nova opens its 13th concert season on Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Tel Aviv Museum, with a concert featuring world premieres by Israeli composers Oded Assaf, Arik Shapira, Ron Weidberg and Mar-Haim, and the Israeli premiere of a work by Reuben Seroussi.

Mar-Haim argues that composers "usually do not make a statement. There seems to be a sort of a return to romanticism and melody in the young composers of today."

"But I remain a modernist who doubts and makes things difficult. I want the audience and the performing musicians to ask questions and not to take anything for granted."

## An extravagant ride with the century's greatest pianists

CLASSIC DISCS

By MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Great Pianists of the 20th Century is one of the record industry's most ambitious undertakings in a long while. By the time the project reaches its completion in August, it will comprise over 250 hours of music (200 discs in sets of two discs each), and present the work of 74 of the century's greatest pianists.

Each double-disc collection features the specific pianist in some of his best (both well-known and less famous) recordings.

The pianists list reads like the who's who of the piano world featuring, among many others, Martha Argerich, Daniel Barenboim, Alfred Brendel, Radu Lupu, Murray Perahia, Maria Joao Pires, Maurizio Pollini, Andras Schiff and even Evgeny Kissin.

Pianists featured from the earlier parts of the century include Wilhelm Backhaus, Van Cliburn, Alfred Cortot, Ignaz Friedman, Walter Gieseking, Glenn Gould,

Clara Haskil, Joseph Hofmann, Vladimir Horowitz, Julius Katchen, Dinu Lipatti, Benno Moiseiwitsch, Artur Schnabel, Solomon and even Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Although it's produced by Philips, the collection also features treasures from the catalogs not only of affiliated labels Decca and Deutsche Grammophon but also of EMI, BMG and Sony. No major label wanted to be missing from what might prove the greatest piano collection in the world.

Each set is neatly packed with an informative booklet, tracing the career and work of the respective pianist. The sound is generally first class, and although purchasing 200 discs can never be a cheap enterprise, these mid-price albums are a treasure very few would want to miss.

There is little to criticize about this majestic piano extravaganza. The only question marks might relate to the choice of pianists – one could question the inclusion of Mikhail Pletnev and Kissin, when Olli Mustonen, for example, is excluded.

But these are minor quibbles.

because this gigantic collection should be savored for what it features and not for what it might occasionally lack.

THE collection is an all-encompassing roller-coaster ride through the piano-playing history of our century, a journey that may have some bumps, but not even one dull moment.

Trying to recommend any of the albums already out is not easy because each has its merits.

Van Cliburn (456 748-2) offers a most revealing rendition of Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto, a very tender and melodic reading of the piece, devoid of the power, romantic schmaltz and virtuoso display that are so common today.

The six Bach partitas played by Rosalyn Tureck (456 976-2) are among the most revealing, dramatic and poetic readings ever made of these extraordinary works.

Tureck, whose technique is fool-proof, manages to breathe charm, elan and intelligence into this music. This is a rendition I would return to time and again, a performance that presents Bach as airy

and light, yet very deep, refined and profound at the same time.

Andre Previn (456 934-2) is magical in Gershwin; the *Rhapsody in Blue* is electrifying, and the Piano Concerto in F is a brilliant jazz performance.

Yet he also plays Mozart's 17th Piano Concerto with depth and suaveness and the music of Poulenc in a way that emphasizes its French jazz idioms.

Shura Cherkassky's Chopin (456 742-2) is majestic and contemplative at the same time; Alexis Weissenberg's Bach (456 988-2) is lightweight on the surface yet quite penetrating; Jorge Bolet's Bach (456 724-2) and overall playing is more grandiose, while hearing the young Maurizio Pollini's grand reading of the Liszt B minor Sonata (456 937-2) is like listening to this music for the first time.

POLLINI's Debussy and Webern are majestic and his Chopin (the B minor Scherzo) poetic, yet powerfully dramatic. Friedrich Gulda (456 817-2) is French impressionism incarnate, in his double disc of Debussy and Ravel.

Walter Gieseking (456 811-2)

plays Beethoven's Fourth and Fifth concerti with majestic beauty and Mozart's 23rd and 24th concerti with delectable charm, while adding fire to music by Scriabin and Chopin.

Duet pianists Lyubov Bruck and Mark Taimanov play music by Milhaud, Chopin, Poulenc, Rachmaninoff and other composers in a most captivating and enriching way, providing each piece with its own identity and creating harmony with their four hands in a way that one never outshines the other.

Last, but surely not least, let me mention Sergei Rachmaninoff (456 943-2). This is one of the most delightful discs in this series, featuring the composer/pianist as a great virtuoso and even more so as a great interpreter of his own music. Not to be missed.

Truth be told, there are musical treasures on every disc, some never before available in a commercial recording, others appearing on CD for the first time. Recommending one over another is impossible because it all boils down to personal taste of composition style and performance style.

**Musical Nights of Autumn**  
at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem

Presents  
**Chamber Music**  
Beethoven, Brahms and Frank

Tatiana Stepanova - piano Yuri Gluchowsky - violin

Saturday Night, December 12nd

Special!!!  
Subscribe to 4 concerts for the price of 3.  
Order now from the Concert Desk at 02-5611066

Admission: NIS 40. Discount for Museum members, Olim, Students, Soldiers, Seniors and Visa gold card holders: NIS 35. Entrance includes wine and cheese.

Under the auspices of The Cultural Department, City of Jerusalem.

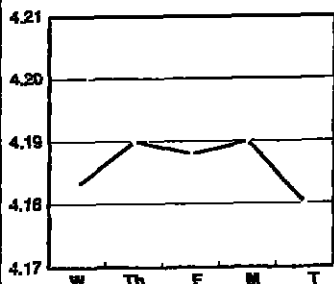
The Museum opens at 20:00. Concert begins at 20:30.  
**BIBLE LANDS MUSEUM JERUSALEM**  
25 GRANOT ST. MUSEUM ROW TEL: 02-5611066



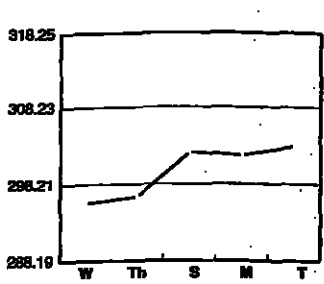
## MARKETS

in brief

### DOLLAR / SHEKEL

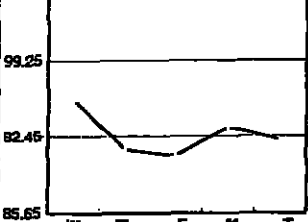


### MAOF INDEX



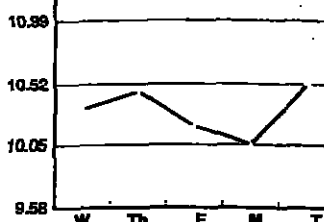
### GOLD

\$ per ounce

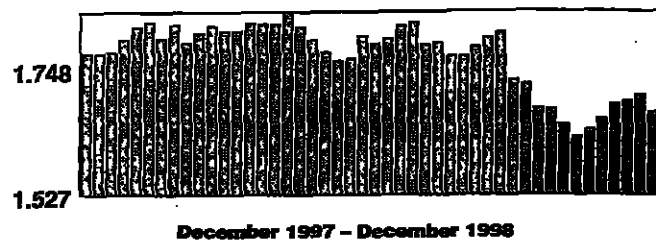


### OIL

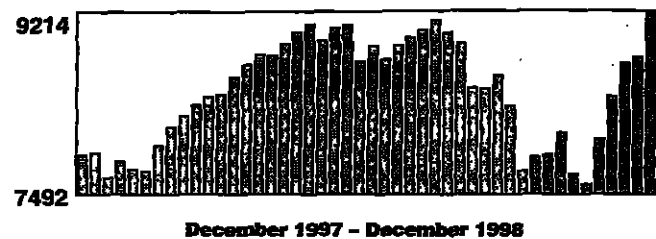
\$ per barrel of Brent crude



### DOLLAR / DEUTSCHEMARK



### DOW JONES INDUST. AVG.



#### Tadiran's subsidiary wins \$15m. contract

Tadiran Electronic Systems, a subsidiary of Tadiran, has won a \$15 million contract to supply spectrum control systems to Romania, the company announced yesterday. The deal, which is financed by the World Bank, will include deployment of the system all over Romania. Tadiran supplies similar systems to the Communications Ministry and countries in South America, Asia and Africa. The company said that it expects to present sales of over \$77m. in 1998. **Dan Gerstenfeld**

#### Landa increases stake in Indigo

Indigo's CEO Benny Landa has increased his stake in the Rehovot-based printing company by some 3 percent to 53%, the company said in a statement yesterday. Landa, through the Landa Family Trust, has acquired the additional shares on the open market for some \$4 million. **Dan Gerstenfeld**

#### Poalim Investments invests \$1.5m. in Combox

Poalim Investments has acquired an 18.75 percent stake in US-based Combox for \$1.5 million the company announced yesterday. Poalim has also received an option to acquire an additional 5.9% stake for \$750,000 of the developer of high speed modems for the transfer of digital signals for satellite broadcasting. Poalim also announced yesterday that it has raised some NIS 200m. by offering bonds and options on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange Monday. **Dan Gerstenfeld**

## Siemens to increase investment in Israel

By NICKY BLACKBURN

Siemens AG intends to increase its involvement in the Israeli high-tech industry, the company president and CEO Dr. Heinrich v. Pierer, has announced.

Pierer, who was speaking at the company's annual press conference in Munich recently singled Israel out, next to the US, as a target for future high-tech cooperation. He told the assembled audience that the company, which is one of the largest electrical and electronic corporations in the world with sales of 117.7 billion marks (\$70.5b.) in fiscal 1998, plans to concentrate on investment in growing business fields with high future potential.

"One effective way to reinforce research and development efforts is to enter alliances and equity partnerships with young, innovative companies throughout the world - from Silicon Valley in California, to 'Silicon Wadi' in Israel," said Pierer.

He praised Israel as having an "innovative entrepreneurial spirit," and said that Siemens, which has already invested about \$100 million in the country, is directly or indirectly involved in over 50 Israeli start-ups focusing on the fields of broadband communications, the Internet and voice recognition technology.

These include Seabridge, a company that develops and manufactures access switches for ATM networks; IC Com, a specialist in electronic telecommunication chips; and Siemens Data Communication in Karmiel.

"We plan to increase our direct participation in the country," he said. "To this end our experts

recently conducted talks with a number of companies to spot additional innovative enterprises." Hermann J. Koelle, managing director of Siemens in Israel, said that a group of senior R&D executives from Siemens visited Israel in November. The group met Chief Scientist, Orna Berry, plus a large number of industry and venture capital companies.

Next year Siemens is to launch a 150m. mark corporate venture capital company that will focus and coordinate all its venture capital activities. This comes on top of 140m. marks which has already been invested by the company in corporate funds in venture capital. Koelle said that Pierer's statement reflects the importance the company gives to its activities in Israel. He said many of the company's products include components that were developed by Israeli engineers in Siemens R&D center in Israel, or in joint ventures with Israeli partners.

Invest in the world's major exchanges  
with Israel Discount Bank

It's a Small World!  
JOIN NOW TELEBANK  
DIAL 02-51228111 FROM 8 AM TO 11 PM  
ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK

## Finance Committee gives initial approval to central bank reform MKs call for board of governors

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

The Knesset Finance Committee yesterday rejected government pleas and decided to give initial approval to a bill which would create a board of governors for the Bank of Israel.

The bill, proposed by MK Avraham Shohat (Labor), was supported by four coalition MKs: Ze'ev Boim and Avraham Herschson (both Likud), Yurii Stern (Yisrael Ba'aliya) and Yehuda Harel (The Third Way).

The private members bill will now move forward to its first reading stage in the Knesset plenum, if it is approved in a revision vote today - something that is expected to be a formality.

The vote came after a disagreement between MKs, which has lasted several weeks. Chairman Avraham Ravitz (United Torah Judaism) had asked that the panel wait for the findings of a public committee established to examine the Bank of Israel Law and to ask whether it is in need of reform. That committee is expected to report back to the cabinet before the year's end.

"Baiga [Shohat] knows in principle I support the idea of a board of governors, but it's just not principled for us to do this today," Ravitz said minutes before the vote.

Boim summed up the reason coalition MKs had decided to join forces with the opposition. "I maintain monetary decisions can't be left in the hands of an individual," he said. "[Bank of Israel Governor Jacob] Frenkel is top notch. Today we have a genius. But who knows what will be tomorrow." Boim denied the vote was politically motivated and said it was "out of economic responsibility."

The central bank is not opposed to the creation of a monetary board, but believes any reforms should be implemented in the wake of the recommendations of the public committee, and should include a total overhaul of the Bank of Israel Law - which dates back to 1954.

Coalition leader on the Finance committee Michael Kleiner (Geshar) described Shohat's bill as "dangerous," adding it ties the hands of the governor and removes the independence of the central bank. The net result will be a cutting of Israel's credit rating, fewer investments, and higher unemployment, he said.

"As a result of [Shohat's] childishness, thousands will lose their jobs and he'll then blame others for this," said Kleiner. He pointed out this issue is only raised when interest rates are particularly high.



#### The gift of work

Unemployed people dressed as Santas demand more jobs yesterday at a protest in Duesseldorf, Germany. The banner in the background reads: 'Fight poverty, not the poor.' (AP)

## Israel, UK invest £15.5m. in joint R&D fund

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON - A £15.5 million fund to encourage Israeli-British joint high-tech research and product development was announced in London yesterday by British Secretary of State for Trade and Industry Peter Mandelson.

The fund will be known as Britech and will operate for an initial five years.

It is the first venture of its kind between the two countries and aims to expedite joint ventures and strategic partnerships between cutting-edge Israeli and British companies, particularly in the fields of information and communications, life sciences, software, and electronics.

Israel and Britain will contribute equally to the fund, with matching investments from the private sector.

Ambassador to Britain Dror Zeigerman described the agreement as "a breakthrough in economic relations between the two countries," noting that it represents "one of the highlights of the

embassy's work over the past year."

Mandelson said the fund is likely to be particularly beneficial to small companies, adding that "the potential for bringing innovative products to market is clearly enormous. I don't want Israeli businesspeople to have to look to the United States for their inspiration or for access to markets and finance. I want to see them developing their products in conjunction with British business."

Mandelson, who is given much of the credit for the extraordinary electoral success of the British Labor Party, pointed out that more business of Israeli origin is floated on London's Alternative Investment Market than any other non-British nationality.

"But I want to see even more Israeli businesspeople financing their inventions and brilliant new products on British capital markets," he said.

While Anglo-Israeli cultural and scientific relations are flourishing, he added, "we are committed to strengthening and deepening

that relationship and to building on our shared values and aims." Operational details for the new fund will be discussed in the coming weeks by British and Israeli officials, and project proposals will be invited early next year.

The launching of the fund followed the signing last month of a memorandum of understanding between Israel and Britain on joint weapons research and information exchanges.

Anglo-Israeli bilateral trade stood at £2 billion last year, for the second successive year, and it is expected to reach £3 billion early in the new millennium.

Israel is Britain's 28th largest export market and third-largest trading partner in the Middle East, after Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

Major British exports to Israel include machinery, chemical and pharmaceutical products, and prepared foods, while Israel's main exports to Britain include diamonds, consumer goods, fuel, agricultural produce, and textiles.

## Treasury to rethink tax on immigrants' foreign earnings

By DAVID ZEV HARRIS

In a Knesset committee meeting yesterday, the Treasury offered for the first time to hear the opposition of immigrant groups to legislation which aims to tax overseas earnings.

The meeting was held in the wake of a *Jerusalem Post* report in which Finance Minister Yaskov Neeman was quoted as labelling immigrants from North America as tax cheats.

The Knesset Immigration and Absorption committee, chaired by Naomi Blumenthal, heard Treasury officials say they would relay immigrants' messages of concern about the planned reform to Neeman and said they would be happy to begin talks on the issue.

"We must think about how we can prevent the uncertainty," said Treasury State Revenues Administration chief deputy director Meir Kapota, offering to meet immigrant leaders.

"It's taken six months for this dialogue to commence," Association of Americans and Canadians in Israel national president Steve Kohn told the meeting, in welcoming the progress.

The proposed tax changes, which are separate from Neeman's wider planned tax reform, were introduced following the liberalization of the foreign exchange market, which came into force in May. The key concern for immigrant groups is that under the new regulations, Israelis will be taxed on world income and not merely on their earnings here. This has led to fears that potential immigrants will

decide not to move to Israel and, according to Zvi Weinberg (Yisrael Ba'aliya), the possibility that citizens will choose to emigrate.

In most developed countries a personal tax system, based on world income is used, explained Kapota.

"This approach is incorrect," retorted Marina Solodkin (Yisrael Ba'aliya). "It's unfair to compare us, as a country still fighting over our existence, with 'quiet' countries. This law is the focus of intentional harm and was introduced without due consideration."

Ophir Pines (Labor), who chairs the Knesset Tax sub-committee recommended the changes, currently at the committee stage, be frozen. "This is creating a sense of uncertainty and we all know what that does," he said. "You [the Treasury] need to say 'we'll go away and reconsider our position.'"

In all probability the introduction of any changes is going to face considerable delay, according to Kapota. When liberalization was brought on stream in May the assumption was that the general tax reform would come into effect from January 1, allowing for the top income tax bracket to be reduced from the present 60 percent to 35%, explained Kapota. However, since that reform has been pushed back, he expects the change from a territorial to a personal taxation system will be postponed. In a bid to allay the fears of immigrants, Kapota added that as the proposals are debated in the Knesset Finance committee, he believes "the cake will come out different from the way it entered the oven."

When the markets are unstable...  
**YOU NEED AN INVESTMENT THAT'S SECURE!**

If stock market volatility has you looking for a more conservative investment, you should know about two funds that give you tremendous earning potential without risk to your capital. In fact, they're backed by one of the world's largest banks.

**World Growth**  
up to **21%**  
per annum  
3 1/2 year option in £ Sterling

**Continental European**  
up to **20%**  
per annum  
5 year option in £ Sterling or Euro

The closing date to invest is January 15, 1999, but we can't guarantee that an outstanding offer like this will last until then. Call George Warszawski now at (02) 6244963 and find out how market volatility can translate into a profitable opportunity for you.

Minimum investment: \$10,000. Past performance is no guarantee of future success.

Licensed by the Israel Securities Authority  
**CommStock Trading Ltd.** (Est. 1981)  
Futures, Options, and Stock Brokers  
Jerusalem: City Tower, 34 Ben Yehuda St.  
Tel. 02-624-4963; Fax. 02-624-4876  
E-mail: commstock@pobox.com <http://www.commstock.co.il>

دعونا من الاربعين



## By GREEN FAY CASHMAN



(The Israel Sun)

When he was posted here, Swiss ambassador Pierre Monod never realized to what extent he would be in the public eye. Most of his predecessors had played fairly low key roles on the diplomatic circuit - but that was before the issue of the Swiss bank accounts of Holocaust victims made international headlines. Since then, Monod has made numerous appearances to explain his country's position. He will do so again next Tuesday at noon in the Beck Auditorium of Bar-Ilan University, where he will speak

Hammy Mozes-Borovich has been appointed a member of the board of Africa-Israel Hotels, operators of Holiday Inn and Rowhe Plaza. Mozes-Borovich, who has held senior positions with *Yedioth Aharanot* publications, founded by her grandfather, is also a member of the board of directors of Hamashbir.

**By JAMES K. GLASSMAN**

Of course, if I had been smart enough to reinvest the Ford dividends I received over the past 42 years (instead of spending them on the 1950s equivalent of Furbies), my grandfather's \$30 would have grown by a factor of 100, instead of a factor of 40.

There's also an interactive Internet site ([www.younginvestor.com](http://www.younginvestor.com)).

One of the newsletter's regular

**NOT** only is the fund educational and entertaining, it's profitable. Annual returns have averaged

Adults can buy Young Investor for kids under the Uniform Gifts to Minors Act. The stock then reverts to them when they reach majority (usually age 18). Another fund that appeals to

Even assuming inflation of 4%, that's buying power in today's dollars of \$160,000. That's enough for an annuity that should beat Social Security.

(The Washington Post)



| Fund's name         | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) | Fund's name        | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) | Fund's name              | unit cost | redemption price | monthly yield (%) | yield 1998 (%) | NIS assets (millions) |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------|------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| <b>FLEXIBLE</b>     |           |                  |                   |                |                       | <b>ALTERNATIVE</b> |           |                  |                   |                |                       | <b>INTERNATIONAL</b>     |           |                  |                   |                |                       |
| Adia                | 239.24    | 238.56           | +0.02             | +6.31          | 18.0                  | Emdat Paz          | 180.81    | 180.38           | +0.28             | -0.83          | 10.4                  | Almog Pektan             | 283.42    | 282.59           | +0.24             | +4.06          | 109.4                 |
| Adia Flexible       | 109.21    | 107.90           | +0.39             | +7.33          | 25.8                  | Emdat Shathel      | 159.67    | 159.67           | +0.38             | -0.44          | 11.5                  | Analyst Government Bonds | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Alumim Flexible     | 212.55    | 209.59           | +0.88             | +1.91          | 13.3                  | Emdat T.A. 100     | 100.00    | 100.00           | +0.00             | -0.47          | 10.0                  | Analyst High Yield       | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Alumim Flexible     | 212.55    | 209.59           | +0.88             | +1.91          | 13.3                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Alumim Flexible     | 212.55    | 209.59           | +0.88             | +1.91          | 13.3                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        | 151.83    | 150.74           | +0.42             | -0.75          | 19.5                  | Capital Corporate Bonds  | 436.58    | 433.99           | +0.87             | +10.99         | 31.7                  |
| Analyst Diversified | 821.81    | 822.75           | +0.10             | +10.84         | 62.6                  | Emdat Yotam        |           |                  |                   |                |                       |                          |           |                  |                   |                |                       |



LAST CHANGE

[illegible]

## -1.875

Le Miroir LISA







# 100 DAYS SPECIAL TOURISM ADVERTISING

## Where to stay in Israel

### EMEK HAYARDEN

KIBBUTZ ASHDOD YHACOVICH - Beautiful new guest rooms, high standard, unusual design, great surroundings. Near Haifa, Gadar, Tiberias, the Kinneret, etc. For reservations: Tel: 06-675 6404, 06-675 8286.

### GALILEE

NES AMMIN Kibbutz Hotel - This uniquely European village in the Galilee, offers Hotel, Hotel and apartment situated in beautiful botanical gardens. Delicious kosher food. Book one of our "Classical weekend musical packages". Tel: 04-895 0089, Fax: 04-895 0088.

### GALILEE - UPPER

KIBBUTZ HOTEL Kfar Giladi - 180 air-conditioned rooms, all with shower, bath, telephone, radio, and TV, kosher cuisine, outdoor & indoor heated swimming pools, sport & health club. Tel: 06-680 0000, Fax: 06-680 0068.

AIR-CONDITIONED ROOMS, near the sources of the Jordan, and the Golan Heights. Tel: 06-694 3012, Fax: 052-828 400. Tel: 06-694 1274, Fax: 052-825 84. Tel: 06-694 4767, Fax: 052-817 719.

### GOLAN HEIGHTS

MOTEL GOLSHI HAHERMON - Sagron Family Neve Aviv - 06-698 1531, 050-946 540. The closest place to the old resort, with all conveniences, comfortable atmosphere and full Israeli breakfast. Special package deal during the old season.

### JERUSALEM

ALON HOLIDAY APARTMENTS - new 5 star studios, in the very center of Jerusalem, air conditioned, kitchenette, private telephone, top design, completely furnished. Tel: 02-625-0002, Fax: 02-625-0008. E-mail: alon@netvision.net

LEV YERUSHALAYIM HOTEL - centrally located on King George Street, suites available one or 2 bedrooms plus living room, kitchenette, dining area, sleeps up to six very competitive rates. Glatt Kosher restaurants health club sauna & Jacuzzi. Tel: 02-556 1891 or 01-571-1856, Fax: 02-556-4372, e-mail: kaplan.yerushalaim@netvision.net

MEVO JERUSALEM - 120 luxury holiday apartments, centrally located. Each apt. contains air-conditioning, cable TV and fully equipped kitchenette. For more details: Tel: 02-537 6632 - www.internad.com/leva - e-mail: risa@internad-zahav.net

MOUNT ZION HOTEL - next to Old City; family plan; Restaurants, Coffeshop, Bar, Healthclub; all large Citadel mts face Old City - WOW! Internet: www.mountzion.co.il Tel: 02-588 8555, Fax: 02-673 1425, e-mail: hotel@mountzion.co.il

HOTEL RAMAT RACHEL - on Kibbutz Ramat Rachel in Jerusalem. 164 rooms, Sports Centre, Jacuzzi, Sauna, Tennis, Special Deal - Minimum 3 nights. Half Board for the price of B/B. Banquet Garden and a Banquet Hall. Reservations: Tel: 02-670 2808, Fax: 02-673 3155.

RAMOT 2, PRIVATE. Pleasant, fully furnished 2-room apartment w/garden. (Linen provided). Country setting. Magnificent forest view. Convenient transportation. Affordable daily/weekly prices. Tel: 02-585 5573, e-mail: rosie@shah.net

### JORDAN VALLEY

AFKEI NOFESH KIBBUTZ AFKIM - Vacation apartments & rooms. Kosher cuisine. 3 minutes from the Kinneret. Special offer for November: Sun-Thurs: 95 NIS, Weekend: 120 NIS. Prices per person per room Tel: 06-6754150/1 Fax: 06-6754151

HA'ON HOLIDAY VILLAGE - Located on the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee, 15 km from Tiberias, private beach, restaurant, camping, ostrich farm. Tel: 06-665 6655 Fax: 06-665 6657 e-mail: haon@netvision.net.il - www.haon.co.il

### NETANYA

MIZPE YAM HOTEL - situated on the Mediterranean, 35 rooms all with baths, toilets, air-conditioned, telephone, TV, video & radio in every room, dining room, kosher, intimate bar, elevator, sun terrace on the roof, parking, family atmosphere. Tel/Fax: 09-882 3730.

### SDOT YAM - CAESAREA

KEF YAM - Mediterranean Tourism offers a dream vacation which includes: Holiday apts., private beach, glass bottom boat, archaeology, tornado boat. Call for reservations: 06-684444/70, Fax: 06-636 2211. www.kef-yam.co.il

### TEL AVIV

LAGUR BAYR luxurious apartments in the center of Tel Aviv near Dizengoff Center. Studio apartments for 2-3 people including a kitchenette, air-conditioning & cable TV. 138 Dizengoff St., Tel Aviv Tel: 03-527 2586 Fax: 03-524 7033

### TIBERIAS

SCOTTISH GUEST HOUSE - Centre of Tiberias. Historic and beautiful buildings in lovely gardens. Private beach, wonderful views, relaxing atmosphere. All rooms private facilities and air conditioning. Tel: 06-672 3768, Fax: 06-679 0145.

### ZICHRON YAACOV

BET MAIMON - A small family-run hotel. All rooms air-conditioned with telephone & TV. Its famous Casa Barone restaurant serves home-cooked meals on the picturesque terrace. Fax: 06-638 6547, Tel: 06-629 0360, e-mail: maimon@pobox.com

## WHERE TO STAY

**ELIAT**  
**RED MOUNTAIN HOTEL**  
NIS 130 per person per night incl. breakfast  
★ Luxurious rooms  
★ TV and video  
★ Personal safes  
★ Mini bar  
★ Heated swimming pool  
★ Exercise room  
For reservations: 07-6363222

## WHERE TO RENT A CAR

**AVIS - We try harder**  
Tel Aviv 03-527 1752  
Ben Gurion Airport 03-977 3200  
Jerusalem 02-624 9001  
USA 201-816-8157  
London 44-181-846-8733

## WHERE TO RENT A CAR

**CAL-AUTO**  
For the Best Deal in Town - We offer you more  
Special season/weekend rates  
Phone  
Tel Aviv: 03-6391307  
Tel Aviv: 03-5370511  
We will deliver the car to you

## WHERE TO RENT A CAR

**KLING CAR**  
For the best & most reliable service  
★ Special offers available  
★ Delivery & Airport service  
Tel: 09-7408822, 09-7408383  
88 Ramatayim, Hod Hasharon

## WHERE TO RENT A CAR

**CASTLES**  
30% OFF  
For the best & most reliable service  
★ We offer you more  
★ Delivery & Airport service  
Tel: 02-2538 991 Fax: 02-538 9821  
Tel: 03-577 4454

## Spa Resorts in Israel

### TIBERIAS

ROYAL PLAZA HOTEL - New hotel, 160 luxurious units, 9 floors, suites, family rooms, fully air conditioned. Free parking, English pub, gym, meeting halls. Free public beach & short walk to Hot Springs. For reservations: Tel: 06-670 0000 Fax: 06-670 0001.

### DEAD SEA

MIRVANA - All rooms overlooking the Dead Sea. Private beach, stylish and intimate health club. Spa treatments include Mud Wraps, Massage, Thalasotherapy, Beauty treatments. Tel: 07-658 4628.

## Time Sharing in Israel

CLUB SALE - for purchase/sale/rental of holiday weeks in all time-sharing club/hotels - Israel and worldwide Tel: 08-862 8084, 052-991 645.

COMPETITIVELY PRICED APARTMENTS in Eliat, Tiberias & Jerusalem! If you want to sell, purchase, or rent, your one stop address is MAZTRAP Center - Yehudi, Tel: 08-934 9801, Fax: 08-934 9802.

## Bed & Breakfast in Israel

### ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

"KIBBUTZIMMER" - Rooms in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Eliat & 30 Kibbutz B/B. Our selection: Yot, Masada, Alumot, Kfar Rupin, Megiddo (North), Bachan, Negbe (Coast), Keramin, Givat, Ein Yahav, Eilat (Negav) Tel: 07-658 5422, 052-713 630, Fax: 07-658 5135.

### GALILEE

GALLI B & B - Country lodgings with kitchenette, beautiful, comfortable and spacious. Suitable also for large families. Great location in heart of natural oak forest. Near tourist attractions. Open year around. Tel/Fax: 04-886 8412, 051-556 880.

### GALILEE - Kfar Yuval

ORNA'S CORNER B & B - In a delightful moshav close to natural springs, Golan Heights and Mount Hermon. Lovely cabin suites. Completely furnished, very peaceful, warm hospitality. Tel: 06-684 0007.

### GALILEE - MOUNTAINS

VEGETARIAN BED & BREAKFAST - Between Safed and Karmiel. All guestrooms air-conditioned, shower and toilet, TV, refrigerator, balcony, clean air. English spoken and understood. Philip Campbell, Amir Village, 20115. Tel/Fax: 06-698 9045, 052-365 998.

### WESTERN GALILEE

BRENDA'S COTTAGES BAB - At Moshav Ben-Ami near Nahariya and the sea. Charming units with all amenities. Large patios. BBQ facilities, wonderful holiday atmosphere and warm hospitality. Brenda and Bobby: Tel: 04-982 2320.

### JERUSALEM

ARCADIA HOTEL - Small family hotel, located in the heart of Jerusalem. Minutes away from old city. Clean and tidy rooms. Reasonable rates. Tel: 02-622 1988, Fax: 02-622 1958.

LITTLE HOUSE IN THE COLONY - Bed & breakfast guest house, 16 air-conditioned rooms, in the heart of the Golan Colony, peaceful street. Double rooms \$58/88. Singles \$39/59. Tel: 02-583 7641, Fax: 02-583 7645, e-mail: meloni@netvision.net.il

### TEL AVIV

THE GORDON INN GUEST HOUSE - Near Tel Aviv beachfront. A clean, comfortable alternative to expensive hotels. Fully air-conditioned. Single rooms from US\$41.00. Tel: 03-523 8238; Fax: 03-523 7418; www.gordon-inn.com; E-mail: sleep@netvision.net.il

## Holiday Rentals in Israel

### ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

GOOD MORNING JERUSALEM Short term rooms and apartments, furnished, all sizes. Low prices. Tel: 02-623 3469, Fax: 02-625 9330, e-mail: gmj@netvision.net.il http://www.goodmorning.com

BEST QUALITY AND CHEAPEST short term holiday rentals in Netanya, Ra'anana, Kfar Saba, Herzliya, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, etc. Tel/Fax: 09-8352118 e-mail: gelfand@netvision.net.il

### JERUSALEM

NEWLY RENOVATED short-term suites & apartment fully furnished prime locations up to 7 beds. Tel: 03-523 0080; Fax: 03-522 8129; e-mail: omegatv@netvision.net.il

### NETANYA

QUALITY APARTMENTS & HOUSES - For holiday rentals in NETANYA and CAESAREA. Fully furnished and equipped homes for short/long term. Netanya Real Estate Tel/Fax: 09-884 6544, e-mail: netre@netvision.net.il

## International Calls

COLLECT USA and ALL INTERNATIONAL CALLS: DIAL 1-800-839-555. Dial the above Toll-Free number from ANY telephone in Israel and the International Operator will connect your call collect to the USA or billed to any major Credit Card.

## Tourist Information Centers

JERUSALEM  
Visit TOP's Jerusalem Jewish Information Center, 54 Habat St., above the Cardo, Jewish 1/4, Tel: 02-688 8888 - Information, books, tapes and videos on Judaism & Zionism. Write to top@netvision.net.il for free weekly Torah studies or explore http://www.jerusalem.co.il/top

## What to do in Israel

### ARAD

WUJS - ARAD - Unique program of Hebrew Ulpan, Jewish and Israel Studies, Seminars, Hikes and practical assistance with seeking employment in Israel. Tel: 07-895 5370. E-mail: wujssarad@netvision.net.il (www.wujss-arad.org)

### CENTRAL ISRAEL

HASMONAEE VILLAGE - An authentic re-creation from the days of the Maccabees, located in the Modif area, adjacent to Route 443. Lots of activities for children and their parents. Fluent English. Tel: 06-928 1617.

FISHING PARK - MOSHAV TAL SHACHAR recreation picnic site: Two fishing pools - moush and camp. Lovers and shaded seating areas. Play equipment for children. Fish and meat restaurant. Open from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Mon, Thurs. 9 a.m.-midnight. Tel: 06-834 8898, 050-359 327.

### GENERAL

SAVE TIME AND MONEY - Contact Judy at SIGHTSEEING TOURS, 81 Hayarkon St., Tel Aviv. Tel: 03-517 6348, Fax: 03-517 6635 (from abroad fax: 972-3-517-6635). Booking daily sightseeing tours to all of Israel, Jordan and Egypt.

### JAFFA PORT

GALLERY/PRINT WORKSHOP - Har-El Printers & Publishers, Jaffa Port, Main Gate. Fine Art prints/original paintings, artist books, Israeli and international artists. Tel: 03-881 6834, Sun-Thurs. 8:00-17:00; Fri. 10:30-14:00 or by appt. www.harelart.co.il/harel

### SAFED

ASCENT - Your base in the North for Jewish mysticism. Best youth hostel, great location. Daily classes, tours, Jewish Multi-Media Center, weekly shabbatons, special seminars. 10% off with this ad. Tel: 06-682 1364, Fax: 06-682 1942.

### SHARON AREA

YADAIM - Beautiful & original gifts by Israeli artists & crafts people, ceramics, jewelry, clothes, woodwork, painting, and more... for every occasion. Browse and enjoy. 18 Harkamel St. (Midrachov Yerushalayim) Kfar Saba. Tel: 09-796 2468.

### TEL AVIV

"YIDDISHSPIEL" - Israel's National Yiddish Theater. Yiddish classics by an outstanding theater group. A genuine Jewish experience. At ZOA House, Tel Aviv. To reserve: 1-800-444-860. Don't miss it.

## How to travel in Israel

TEL AVIV  
Organize a church group for a wonderful Holy Land pilgrimage. As a group organizer you and/or your minister/priest could travel FREE. Fax your details and phone number to Arthur Goldberg, Fax: 03-517 9001.

## Holidays out of Israel

TEL AVIV  
HOW TO TRAVEL FROM ISRAEL - ZION TOURS - The largest North American agency in Israel. Your ONE STOP travel center! Tel: 02-625 4326, e-mail: marick@netvision.net.il

## CRUISES

### DISCOUNTED CRUISES

#### WINTER CRUISE ON LUXURY CRUISE SHIP

Phone Judy or Arthur  
Tel: 03-5176248 Fax: 03-5178835  
Greentours, et Hayarkon St.  
Tel (eves): Arthur 03-5575656

## MEET ISRAELIS

### WORLD OF SINGLES

ISRAELI • ENGLISH • BELGIUM • U.S.A. • CANADA

20 Successful Years Matching Quality Professionals & Business People. Religious & Secular. Tel: 09-8647254, 03-5220285, 07-6334640

Internet: www.worldofsingles.com

Being single doesn't mean to be alone! Give us a call! It may just change your life: The Marriage Connection

Bezzel 8 Jerusalem Tel: 02-624 5619

## ANGLO-ISRAELI INTERNATIONAL SINGLES

Well established global introduction service and marriage bureau

Discretion for people without their knowledge

053-426934, 06-6251287 kaufmans@netvision.net.il

## HOME SERVICES

TOURIST Concerned about your home in Jerusalem? Then you need HOMECARE!

• In your absence we maintain it

• Before you arrive we prepare it

• All repairs, improvements, individual maintenance restored to perfection

Because HOMECARE is a comprehensive home management & maintenance service for people like you, your peace of mind is our concern, your enjoyment our priority

Success on rent

Since 1978

For details contact David Hefner Tel: 02-6519916 Fax: 02-6513299

## MOBILE PHONE RENTAL

Free incoming calls Low cost international calls 03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

Delivery/return service available All major credit cards accepted

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

03-516-8366, 053-76-5053

## Where to Eat

### JERUSALEM



# New Kidd on the block at Blackburn

You would be forgiven for not recognizing the tall figure standing by the Blackburn dugout during the home game with Charlton on Saturday. Although not officially in charge of the club until 48 hours after the game, Brian Kidd couldn't resist shouting orders to his new charges in the same way he had done at Manchester United as understudy to Alex Ferguson for the past eight years.

Only this time Kidd swapped the tracksuit for the ubiquitous camel coat – and on a reported salary of £700,000 per year, he can afford to exhibit a wardrobe to antagonize the animal rights lobby.

Kidd saw his team scrape through 1-0 – Kevin Davies' first goal for the club since his £7 million move from Southampton enough to lift Blackburn off the foot of the Premiership.

Kidd is an interesting subject for a Premiership boss. Ill at ease with the media, he always shunned the limelight at Old

Trafford, but since his move to Blackburn, former Manchester United players have been doing the tabloid rounds singing Kidd's praises, particularly his influence at the Cliff training ground where a gruelling fitness regime meant little time for skiving off to the betting shop or golf course.

Kidd's only previous foray into front-line management was 12 years ago – an unsuccessful two-month stint at Preston. Ferguson stepped in for Kidd immediately after Manchester's European Cup Winners' Cup win in 1991, following the departure of coach Archie Knox to Glasgow Rangers. The move paid handsome dividends as Kidd stood stoically next to the great boss in United's glory years.

Back in Manchester, fans are not happy that Kidd was allowed to leave, some claiming that the club was not prepared to keep him at all costs. That claim was denied by chairman Martin Edwards, who told reporters on

Saturday that they had indeed made Kidd an increased offer but that the lure of being his own boss was the reason he left.

Blackburn chairman Jack Walker's "open checkbook" offer for Kidd to strengthen the squad – depending on which paper you read anything in the region of £30-40 million – was probably the main reason for Kidd to move.

And he hasn't lost any time in imposing his presence. On Monday he fired club coach Derek Fazakerley who has been part of the furniture at Ewood Park as player and coach for 25 years. Kidd intends to bring in former Manchester favorite Brian McClair as his right-hand man. McClair, like Kidd, is a practicing Catholic and given Blackburn's current plight, the new management team will be looking for an answer to their prayers.

The player of the moment is undoubtedly David Ginola. The flamboyant Tottenham star is

## London Calling



Mark Rivlin

enjoying a return to the electrifying form he showed at Newcastle three years ago as Spurs continue their revival under George Graham. Last week's quarter final Worthington Cup victory over Manchester United was almost a one-man Ginola show, and on Saturday he was the star in Spurs' win over Liverpool.

It's slightly ironic, because when Graham came to Spurs, most pundits thought there would be no room for Ginola as the club

were forced into a more defensive posture to grind out badly needed points. But Graham's pedigree matches any manager in the country and it would have been interesting to have been a fly on the wall during the tete-a-tete manager and player had as Graham outlined his plans for the Frenchman.

No more free-roaming midfield role – get back to that left wing with your trickery and send over the crosses for Chris Armstrong and co. was clearly the message. Presumably, Ginola had heard of Graham's reputation for chastising players when they fall out of line – the result has been for him to hug that left touchline so closely he can almost take a bite out of the fans' hot dog on the front row.

The victory over Manchester United has earned Spurs a two-legged semi final against Wimbledon. On paper it's a classic case of skill against muscle and Ginola should be careful that he is not barged into row "H" of

the stand by an uncompromising Dons' defender.

Despite the well-worn criticism of Joe Kinnear's team, they are the real success story of English football over the past 10 years. They keep churning out home-grown quality stars, the latest being Jason Euell whose double strike against Coventry on Saturday was a copyeditor's dream with Christmas approaching – variations on a "Euell dde" theme abundant in the tabloids.

Kinnear had to engage in a bit of hasty PR after the team had reached the Worthington semi with a victory over fashionable Chelsea. One newspaper reported that some players had backed the club at 66-1 to win the tournament which is in breach of FA regulations. But Kinnear, who likes to relax on a Saturday night at Walthamstow dog track, played down the allegation. You can be sure that his players, to use the modern parlance, will be "up for the semi final."

It's not often one gets the

chance to sing the praises of the northern over the southern rugby hemisphere. But on Saturday, England's heroics against South Africa restored the faith of the country's rugby fans. The 13-7 victory was the first by an England side over a southern hemisphere country since the 1995 World Cup and in preventing South Africa reaching a world record 18th successive victory, England reasserted some long-lost confidence.

It would be nice if this confidence could be magically transferred onto our cricketers in Adelaide ahead of Friday's third Ashes Test. But with Graham Thorpe now forced to retire from the tour, it's looking bleak. The way England are playing at the moment reminds one of the comment by an Aussie about the Pommie cricketers: "They can't bat, they can't bowl and they can't field." Presumably this throwaway line will not be picked up by the English slip cordon.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**RATES**

PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS - All rates include VAT:

Single Weekday - NIS 146.25 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word NIS 14.62.

FRIDAY AND HOLIDAY EVE - NIS 228.15 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word NIS 22.81.

TWO FRIDAYS - NIS 386.10 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word NIS 38.61.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY (package) - NIS 327.60 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word - NIS 32.76.

WEEK RATE (6 insertions) - NIS 468 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word - NIS 46.80.

FOUR FRIDAYS (package) - NIS 802.55 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word - NIS 80.25.

MONTHLY (24 insertions) - NIS 1140.75 for 10 words (minimum), each additional word - NIS 114.07.

Rates are valid until NOV. 30 1998.

**DEADLINES OFFICES:**

Jerusalem - weekdays: 12 noon the day before publication; for Friday 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Tel Aviv and Haifa - weekdays: 12 noon, 2 days before publication; for Friday and Sunday 4 p.m. Thursday in Tel Aviv and 12 noon Thursday in Haifa.

For classified enquiries please call 02-5315644.

**DWELLINGS**

General

**WHERE TO STAY**

**JERUSALEM LODGES LTD.**

Short and long term rentals  
Bed and breakfast

P.O. Box 4233, Jerusalem 91044.  
Tel. 02-5611745, Fax: 02-563-7566  
e-mail: jerel@jerel.co.il

**THE JERUSALEM INN**

Private Bathroom - Telephone-T.V.  
Guesthouse

B.B. doubles / family rooms  
Tel. 02-625-1294  
Best value accommodations.

**DWELLINGS**

Jerusalem Area

**HOLIDAY RENTALS**

LUXURIOUS ACCOMMODATION, 2 BEDROOMS, pool, garden, central location, near King David Hotel. Tel. 052-637-111, 052-637-233.

**RENTALS**

MOTZA-ILIT, FURNISHED STUDIO, kitchenette, built-in cupboards, separate entrance at private villa, parking. Tel. 02-534-2324.

HILTON MAMILLA, 2 ROOMS, all services, immediate, long term, special price. Tel. 051-320-326, 052-637-233.

CENTRAL REHAVIA, 3.5, lovely, modern, fully AC, client balcony, 990, long term. Tel. 050-235-682, 052-637-233.

3 BEDROOM APARTMENT, EAST TAL-PLOT, attractive, partially furnished, ground floor with large patio. Available Nov. 15 - Dec. 1 for one year, possibly longer. \$750/month. Tel. 02-671-4210 (NIS).

**habitat real estate**

Jerusalem quality sales & rentals  
In all areas - ask Mayir

For more information call:  
tel: (02) 56 11 222 fax: (02) 56 11 178  
Email: portico@netvision.net.il

3 ROOM GROUND floor furnished flat to let, Harav Berlin St., from 1/1/99. \$650. Tel. 02-563-9551, 052-637-233.

REHAVIA; 3 RADAK, 3rd floor, very good condition, 2 balconies, (turn key possible). Exclusive to Alex Losky Real Estate, 19 King David St., Jerusalem. Tel. 02-623-5955.

**DWELLINGS**

Jerusalem Area

**SALES**

MUST SELL GIVAT-CANADA - luxury duplex, 5.5, + 3 for income, indoor parking, view, garden, \$450,000. flexible. Tel. 02-623-1539 (NIS), Tel. 02-676-1415 (NIS), Fax: 02-623-1537, 02073.

MUSARA, APARTMENT IN Arab building, 80 meters, gallery, renovated, stylized. Tel. 02-534-1471, 050-312-801, 052-637-233.

SPECIAL BUT NOT INEXPENSIVE! Shmuel/Rav Berlin, 3+1, quiet location, historic & attractive building, fully renovated, terrace, private entrance. Tel. 02-566-0566, 052-637-233.

**WHERE TO STAY**

BED & BREAKFAST. WARM atmosphere, private shower, TV in room, many extras. French Hill, Jerusalem \$30 for a single, \$50 for a couple. Apartment rental short or long term... Fully equipped 3 bedroom apartment in Tiberies. Tel. 072-2-581-0870, Fax: 072-2-581-1385. E-Mail: saaha@jpost.co.il

**DWELLINGS**

Tel Aviv

**RENTALS**

NEW PENTHOUSES AND apartments, near beach, furnished/furnished. THE KEY. Tel. 03-624-4496, 052-637-233.

DIZENGOFF CENTER TOWER, 3, 15th floor, from 199, \$950, view of the sea. Tel. 052-585-688, 052-637-233.

NEVE AVIVIM, Tel. Aviv, furnished, 3 rooms, 12th floor, great view, parking, \$1,100. Tel. 03-641-1313, 052-637-233.

**ROOMMATES**

ROOMMATE, BRAND NEW building, new area, magnificent view, 3.5 rooms, furnished, \$350, 40+, length negotiable, possible for tourists. Tel. 03-634-4037, 052-637-233, 052-637-233.

**DWELLINGS**

Dan Region

**RENTALS**

SAVYON, BEAUTIFUL VILLA, 6 bedrooms, 12th floor, great view, parking, \$1,100. Tel. 03-641-1313, 052-637-233.

**RENTALS**

A GORGEOUS LARGE HOUSE in Ramatana, 8 bedrooms and 5 bathrooms. Tel. 09-742-1306, 052-637-233.

**SALES/RENTALS**

HERZLIYA PITUAH GOOD selection of quality houses/apartments, for sale or rent. Exclusive OPEN & DUNSKY, Tel. 09-957-3096.

**BUSINESS OFFERS**

Jerusalem

**SALES**

BUTCHER SHOP FOR SALE. Tel. Shimon, 02-993-1128 (w), 02-998-2255 (h), 052-637-233.

**SERVICES**

Jerusalem

**GENERAL**

PALMISTRY, INDIVIDUAL READINGS and consultations. Andrea, Tel. 02-624-7259.

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

General

**HOUSEHOLD HELP**

EXCELLENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES, for au pairs, domestic help, childcare and caregivers for the elderly. Great conditions. High salary, live in/out, countrywide. Tel. 03-688-6767, 052-637-233, 052-637-233.

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

Jerusalem

**OFFICE STAFF**

SECRETARY NEEDED, HOURS 2:30-21:30, Mon.-Thu., English/Hebrew, computer literate. Fax CV to: 02-652-8128, 02073.

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

Tel Aviv

**GENERAL**

MEN/WOMEN, LIVE-IN/OUT, part-time/full-time. Tel. 03-512-4059, 057-280-280, 052-637-233.

**HOUSEHOLD HELP**

DON'T DESPAIR - BECOME an au pair! Don't delay - phone today! Au pair international has available the most promising and interesting live-in job offers in Israel. Phone 24 hours 03-619-0423, 052-637-233.

IMMEDIATE AU-PAIR JOBS available, friendly families, best conditions, the agency with a heart for the Au Pairs. Call Hilma: (03) 965-9837, 052-637-233.

EXCLUSIVE AU PAIR AGENCY in North Tel Aviv seeking qualified, intelligent candidates. High salaries. Tel. 050-620-884, 052-637-233.

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

Dan Region

**HOUSEHOLD HELP**

AU PAIR, 2 CHILDREN, live-in, light housekeeping, English speaker with experience. Tel. Segal 03-550-7918, 052-637-233, 052-637-233.

**SITUATIONS VACANT**

Sharon Area

**GENERAL**

WORKERS WANTED: 2-3 times per week, (live-in possible). Tel. 03-512-4058, 057-280-800, 052-637-233.

**HOUSEHOLD HELP**

LOOKING FOR FEMALE HOUSE-KEEPER, to live out, 8 days a week, 4 hours, morning. Tel. 050-498-264, 052-637-233.

**PURCHASE/SALES**

Jerusalem

**COMPUTER EQUIPMENT**

FOR SALE: XANTE Accel-a-Writer, B&W printer for A-4 and A-3 paper, fine conditions, good for PC or Mac. Tel. 02-9973735 (NIS).

**PURCHASE/SALES**

Jerusalem

**FOR SALE**

WARDROBE, LARGE, 4 DOORS, new light brown. Excellent condition. Hanging space and shelves. NIS 600. Tel. 02-624-7207.

**VEHICLES**

General

**ARIÉ PALOGÉ**

QUALITY NEW & USED CARS  
TAX FREE & UNRESTRICTED  
Buying • Selling • Trading • Leasing  
Celebrating 35 Years - Countrywide Service  
Passport - Passport - Our Specialty  
Tel. 050-240-977, Tel./Fax: 02-632-3735

**PASSPORT**

FOR SALE (TOURIST OR DIPLO-MAT) 1998, Mitsubishi Pajero 3.5, V6 (short version), silver, 43000km, all extras, as new. Tel. 09-958-0088, 09-958-2532, 052-464-318, 052-637-233.

**VEHICLES**

Jerusalem

MITSUBISHI STATON, GLXi, 1994, 46,000km, excellent condition, automatic. Tel. 02-652-3735, 050-240-977, 052-637-233.

**PASSPORT**

1996, TOYOTA COROLLA, XLI, automatic, A/C, Bluetooth, dual air-bags, new alarm, excellent condition, passport NIS 45,000. Tel. 050-573-568, 03-640-7961 (day), 02-991-6379 (eve), 052-637-233.

**WANTED**

OLEH SEEKS TO purchase automatic car passport-to-passport. Tel. 02-671-9551, 052-637-233.

**VEHICLES**

Tel Aviv

**PASSPORT**

DAEWOO PRINCE 1996, manual, luxury car, full extras, excellent condition. Don't miss out! \$5,500. Call Mark anytime. Tel. 03-527-0621, 050-717-981, 052-637-233.

## MERCANTILE PROPERTIES LTD. (FORMERLY-MERCANTILE BANK OF ISRAEL LTD.) NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given

(a) that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the offices of the Mercantile Discount Bank Ltd. at 103 Allenby Road, 3rd Floor, Tel-Aviv, Israel,

Tuesday, 22 December, 1998, at 8:30 am.

AGENDA:

- To consider and receive the AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the year 1997 and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
- To confirm that the interim dividend paid in respect of 1997 be final.
- To appoint Auditors and to determine their remuneration.
- To transact any other business that may be transacted at any Ordinary General Meeting.

(b) The company advises that it sent the interim dividend to all those shareholders whose addresses are known to it. Shareholders who did not receive the dividend are requested to refer to:-  
The Secretary  
Mercantile Properties Ltd. (Formerly-Mercantile Bank of Israel Ltd.)  
103 Allenby Road, Tel-Aviv, 65-134

**Mercantile Discount Bank Ltd.**

## SPECIAL INTRODUCTORY CLASSIFIED OFFER!

We want your used car classified ad...

... so we're making an offer you can't refuse!!!  
Your classified car ad can run in The Jerusalem Post for only:

**ONLY** NIS 58.50 for two full weeks  
NIS 88.50 for one full month  
NIS 117.00 for two full months

And that isn't all... Save another 10%!

- Save 10% on above prices, by using the mail-in coupon in this paper (2 weeks NIS 52.65; one month NIS 79.65; two months NIS 105.30)
- You get up to 25 words, to say just how great your car is!
- You may upgrade from package to package, by paying the difference.

TERMS OF PUBLICATION: Advertisement must be for one car only. You may cancel ad, if you sell the car, but no refunds. Payment by cash, check or credit card.



# Bucs stay alive in playoff race

## Post 24-22 victory over Packers



TAMPA (Reuters) — Trent Diller threw for two touchdowns and ran for the clincher with 6:01 to play as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers moved into the playoff picture on Monday with a 24-22 victory over the Green Bay Packers.

Diller threw two short slants that turned into long touchdown romps in the first half and scored on a six-yard scramble in the fourth quarter.

The Bucs' spirited defense sacked Packers' star quarterback Brett Favre eight times and forced eight fumbles, two of which they recovered.

"We knew we'd have to generate some big plays and we did early," said Diller, who gave the defense the lion's share of credit for the victory over the usual rulers of their Central Division rivalry.

"The defense got after the best player in the NFL and we win," he said, paying tribute to Favre. "That's the only way to stop him, he's the best. They went after him and they got him."

The Bucs improved to 6-7 to keep their wild-card hopes alive, while the Packers, who could have clinched a playoff berth with a win, slipped to 8-5.

Diller completed 9-of-22 passes for 181 yards, helping Bucs coach Tony Dungy to his first win in seven games against the Packers.

The big plays made the difference for the Bucs, who had just 12 first downs compared to Green Bay's 23, and were outgained in total yardage, 334-283.

Diller connected with Green on a 64-yard touchdown late in the first quarter and then hooked up with Emanuel on a 62-yard score early in the next quarter as Tampa



Tampa Bay quarterback Trent Diller is grabbed by Green Bay's LeRoy Butler during second-quarter action. (AP)

Bay took a 14-3 lead.

Favre pulled the Pack within 17-15 with 13:39 left in the game as he found tight end Mark Chmura in the back of the end zone with a four-yard TD toss. But Favre's two-point conversion pass to Derrick Mayes over the middle was ruled incomplete.

Diller put the Bucs in front by two scores seven-and-a-half minutes later, dropping back to pass on 3rd-and-goal from the 6 before scampering up the middle and into the end zone to make it 24-15.

Favre quickly drove the Packers down the field on the next possession and found Chmura for a one-yard TD with 2:20 to go.

But Tampa Bay was able to run the clock down inside of 20 seconds when Green Bay regained possession at their own 20.

Favre made a couple of short completions but was sacked on the game's final play as the Packers tried to set up a desperation heave to the end zone.

Favre was 29-of-41 for 262 yards but fumbled six times, losing only one. He was sacked eight times by the Bucs, who entered the game with just 20 sacks — the worst total in the NFL.

Green Bay 3 3 3 13-22  
Tampa Bay 7 7 3 24  
First Quarter: GB-PG Longwell 35, 2:50.  
TB-Green 64 pass from Diller (Emanuel kick), 1:13.  
Second Quarter: TB-Summers 68 pass from Diller (Emanuel kick), 13:16. GB-PG Longwell 35, 2:57.  
Third Quarter: TB-PG Husted 48, 9:42. GB-PG Longwell 35, 4:33. Fourth Quarter: GB-Chmura 4 pass from Favre (Emanuel kick), 13:39. TB-Diller 6 run (Emanuel kick), 6:01. GB-Chmura 1 pass from Favre (Longwell kick), 2:20.

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| East         | W  | L  | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| N.Y. Jets    | 9  | 4  | 0 | .692 | 347 | 230 |
| Miami        | 9  | 4  | 0 | .692 | 258 | 185 |
| New England  | 8  | 5  | 0 | .615 | 285 | 245 |
| Buffalo      | 8  | 5  | 0 | .615 | 301 | 262 |
| Indianapolis | 2  | 11 | 0 | .154 | 229 | 344 |
| Central      |    |    |   |      |     |     |
| Jacksonville | 10 | 3  | 0 | .769 | 348 | 249 |
| Tennessee    | 7  | 6  | 0 | .538 | 276 | 251 |
| Pittsburgh   | 7  | 6  | 0 | .538 | 233 | 241 |
| Baltimore    | 5  | 8  | 0 | .385 | 219 | 263 |
| Cincinnati   | 2  | 11 | 0 | .154 | 217 | 334 |

| West        | W  | L | T | Pct.  | PF  | PA  |
|-------------|----|---|---|-------|-----|-----|
| Denver      | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 436 | 237 |
| Oakland     | 7  | 6 | 0 | .538  | 226 | 271 |
| Seattle     | 6  | 7 | 0 | .462  | 286 | 242 |
| Kansas City | 5  | 8 | 0 | .385  | 269 | 294 |
| San Diego   | 5  | 8 | 0 | .385  | 201 | 271 |

y-clinched division title

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| East         | W  | L  | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|--------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| Dallas       | 8  | 5  | 0 | .615 | 328 | 239 |
| Arizona      | 6  | 7  | 0 | .462 | 270 | 331 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 5  | 8  | 0 | .385 | 219 | 276 |
| Washington   | 4  | 9  | 0 | .308 | 264 | 357 |
| Philadelphia | 3  | 10 | 0 | .231 | 125 | 291 |
| Central      |    |    |   |      |     |     |
| Minnesota    | 12 | 1  | 0 | .923 | 442 | 242 |
| Green Bay    | 8  | 5  | 0 | .615 | 336 | 284 |
| Tampa Bay    | 6  | 7  | 0 | .462 | 247 | 272 |
| Detroit      | 5  | 8  | 0 | .385 | 264 | 300 |
| Chicago      | 3  | 10 | 0 | .231 | 219 | 323 |

| West          | W  | L  | T | Pct. | PF  | PA  |
|---------------|----|----|---|------|-----|-----|
| San Francisco | 11 | 2  | 0 | .846 | 353 | 229 |
| San Francisco | 10 | 3  | 0 | .769 | 385 | 272 |
| New Orleans   | 6  | 7  | 0 | .462 | 238 | 248 |
| St. Louis     | 3  | 10 | 0 | .231 | 221 | 302 |
| Carolina      | 2  | 11 | 0 | .154 | 244 | 353 |

x-clinched playoff berth

## Reports: PA offers job to Israeli coach

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

Azzmi Nasser, who currently coaches Second Division side Hapoel Be'er-Sheva, was reported in the Israeli press to have been offered the job of coaching the Palestinian Authority's soccer team.

Members of the PA will attend Bnei Sakhnin's weekend clash with Kiryat Gat.

Nasser, who was a member of current league leaders Hapoel Haifa during the early Eighties

wasn't available for comment yesterday after he failed to turn up for an interview on Channel 5's evening sports program.

It was reported that Nasser received a call from the PA forbidding him to appear on the show.

Chairman of the IFA Gavi Levy told reporters on Channel 5 that: "As the PA are members of FIFA the IFA have no objection to the whole affair."

"Since the PA is not a hostile entity we shall treat them like any other FIFA member," he added.

## Israeli police to patrol stadia after row solved

By OFER RONEN-ABELS

The dispute over payments for policing in sports grounds around Israel was solved yesterday evening after an agreement had been reached between Israel Police and Deputy Minister of Education and Sports Eliezer Zandberg.

Maccabi Tel Aviv's European Basketball tie on Thursday evening as well as all of the weekend's soccer fixtures were in danger of being cancelled due to the row, but now look like they will take place after all.

Zandberg told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that "The Ministry

of Education will fund the policing in sports grounds out of their own budget until the end of the 1999 season, so sports fans have nothing to worry about."

Things did not look that bright in the early hours of yesterday afternoon when a letter arrived from Deputy Inspector-General Chief Sando Mazor that said he will suspend all policing of sports stadia because the budget had run out.

Zandberg has appointed TV personality Rafi Ginat to head a committee that will investigate the issue of police security around sports grounds in Israel. The committee is present their report no later than March next year.

## Angels re-sign McDowell

ANAHEIM — The Anaheim Angels have agreed to terms on one-year contracts with a pair of veterans — right-handed pitcher Jack McDowell and infielder Randy Velarde.

McDowell, who signed with the Angels as a free agent last February, compiled a 5-3 record and a 5.09 ERA in just 14 starts this past season. He spent two stints on the disabled list with elbow problems on his throwing arm.

McDowell, 32, is 127-83 with a 3.81 ERA during an 11-year career with the Chicago White Sox, New York Yankees, Cleveland Indians and Angels.

The three-time All-Star won the American League Cy Young Award with the White Sox in 1993, when he posted a 22-10 record with a 3.37 ERA.

Velarde, 36, batted .261 with four homers, 26 RBI and 29 runs in 51 games for the Angels last season. He also twice spent time on the disabled list in 1998 after appearing in just one game during the 1997 season.

Velarde owns a .268 average with 61 home runs and 288 RBI in 846 games with the Angels and Yankees.

The Angels also announced they will not offer salary arbitration to outfielder Gregg Jefferies, catcher Chad Kreuter and pitchers Mike Fetters and Trevor Wilson.

Reliever Jeff Montgomery agreed to stay with Kansas City for a \$2.5 million, one-year contract — a \$300,000 payout.

Dave Stieb, who went 1-2 with a 4.83 ERA for Toronto in his comeback, agreed to a minor league deal with the Blue Jays.

Stieb, who hadn't pitched since 1993, would get a \$400,000, one-year contract if he makes the team. San Diego offered salary arbitration to outfielder Steve Finley, who agreed earlier in the day to a \$21.5 million, four-year contract with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Finley gets a \$500,000 signing bonus and salaries of \$5.25 million per season. (Reuters, AP)

## England draw tour match with Victoria

MELBOURNE (Reuters) — Victoria held out a spirited England attack yesterday in a tense final session to reach 245 for eight, drawing their four-day match at the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Victoria were set a winning target of 281 from a minimum of 67 overs after England declared their second innings closed on their overnight score of 207 for five.

England claimed five Victorian wickets in the final session and needed about a run a ball as the tourists pressed for a morale-boosting win ahead of the third Test against Australia which starts in Adelaide on Friday.

However, wicketkeeper Peter Roach and tailender Ashley Gilbert denied the tourists' with a stubborn 13-run final stand.

England off-spin bowler Robert Croft led the England attack with three wickets in the final session, including Victoria captain Brad Hodge for 50 and number six batsman John Davison for a duck.

Hodge was caught behind by replacement wicketkeeper Warren Hegg, who came onto the field for England captain Alec Stewart.

Stewart came on late in the final session but had been unable to play in the previous two sessions because of a bruised hand. Hegg was allowed to take the field after

talks between the tourists and Victorian and Australian Cricket Board officials.

Stewart's absence came after leading batsman Graham Thorpe suffered a recurrence of a back injury while he was at the crease on Monday.

Thorpe was again unable to take the field and team managers subsequently decided he would return home, seriously jarring England's third Test preparations.

Victoria's run-chase got off to a bad start when they lost opener Jason Arnbreger to pace bowler Dean Headley for one with their score on three.

Dashing number three batsman Graeme

Vimpani got Victoria back on track with an aggressive innings of 72 from 97 deliveries, before falling to medium-fast bowler Angus Fraser in the afternoon session.

Headley again raised England's hopes in the final session when he snared number five Shawn Craig for 45.

Play finished 90 minutes before the normal closing time to allow England to catch a flight to Adelaide to prepare for the vital third Test with Australia holding a 1-0 advantage.

Play on the previous three days had been extended by 30 minutes to make up the shortfall.

## Juve, Ajax in danger of failing to enter last

LONDON (AP) — It could be a Champions Cup quarter-final without Juventus, Ajax Amsterdam and either Real Madrid or Inter Milan.

Arsenal and Barcelona are already out and there's even a chance that Manchester United may not make it.

If the results fall a certain way in today's final round of group games, some of the biggest names in soccer will have lost millions by failing to qualify. Some clubs which haven't won a major title will be dreaming of glory.

Juventus, finalist for the last three seasons, has only a slim chance of making it to the last eight, even though it is unbeaten in the competition.

The problem is, La Juve has tied all five of its Group B games and is three points behind leader Rosenborg of Norway and Turkey's Galatasaray. To qualify, it needs to beat Rosenborg at home today and hope that the Turks lose to already eliminated Athletic Bilbao.

"We must think of winning our match. We will think of the other match (in Bilbao) at the end of the game," said French forward Zinedine Zidane. "I don't think Juventus's winning cycle is over, otherwise I would leave the team right now."

Ajax, which won the Champions Cup for the fourth time only four seasons ago and was losing finalist a year later, has stumbled in this season's competition.

The team needs to win at FC Porto, which can't qualify, and hope that Group A leader Olympiakos loses at Croatia Zagreb.

That would mean a three-way tie on 10 points and then it goes down to head to head results with Croatia, winner in Amsterdam two weeks ago, having a better record against Ajax.

The Dutch champion, whose form has slumped at home, will miss its top European scorer,

Finnish striker Jari Litmanen, Georgian forward Shota Arveladze and South African star Benni McCarthy also is doubtful because of injury.

Croatia Zagreb needs a 3-0 victory to overcome Olympiakos, having lost 2-0 to the Greeks in Athens.

Inter Milan, 10 points, and Real Madrid, nine, are first and second in Group C but can both be caught by Spartak Moscow, which has eight.

The Russians go to Madrid and will eliminate the defending champion with a victory while Inter, which has Brazilian star Ronaldo back after injury, has a far easier game at Sturm Graz, which has gained only one point from five games.

Inter, whose domestic form saw the firing of coach Gigi Simoni two weeks ago, needs just a point to ensure qualification.

Unbeaten Manchester United needs a victory over Group D leader Bayern Munich at Old Trafford to guarantee a quarter-final place and could even make it with a tie.

But a tie would mean the Reds would go out if the second place teams in groups B and C, currently Galatasaray and Real Madrid, wound up with more points.

Bayern players have been promised a bonus of 250,000 marks (\$150,000) if they make the quarter-finals from the group that has been dubbed the "Group of Death" in Germany.

Group E leader Dynamo Kiev should clinch a quarter-final place with a tie at French champion Lens unless Panathinaikos has a high-scoring victory over already eliminated and injury-ravaged Arsenal.

Lens can only qualify by beating Kiev and will have to do so without suspended Tony Vairelles, Cyril Rool and Eric Sikora.

Already sure of a place in the last eight German champion Kaiserslautern faces last place HJK Helsinki in Group F.



### NEW YORK

(Reuters) — The line of Niklas Sundstrom, Petr Nedved and Mike Knuble com-

bined for 10 points as the resurgent New York Rangers ran their winning streak to five games with a 6-2 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Sundstrom tied a career high with four points on a goal and three assists and Nedved and Knuble each added a goal and two assists for the Rangers.

"They seem to control everything when they're out on the ice," Rangers coach John Muckler said of his hot line. "I'm Knuble we have a player who we were playing on the fourth line. This is a big chance for him to play with Petr."

New York is unbeaten in six straight games and moved over 500 (10-9-7) for the first time since it was 1-0-4 on October 11, 1997.

Explaining his points surge, Sundstrom said he was only following orders.

"I've been struggling all season," Sundstrom said. "He's (Muckler) been telling me to be more offensive, maybe it's starting to happen."

"The last five games we've been playing good so we have to keep going. Both of those guys have a lot of speed so I pass them the puck and try to get to the rebounds."

The Rangers, who have scored 12 goals in a win and a tie against the Maple Leafs this season, run their record against Toronto to 9-0-1 since January 30, 1993.

New York's turnaround has coincided with the arrival of Nedved in a trade with the Pittsburgh Penguins. He has points in all seven games, tallying three goals and seven assists.

Fredrik Modin and Sergei Berezin scored for first-place Toronto (15-10-2), which had a three-game winning streak snapped and suffered just its sec-



Toronto's Fredrik Modin. (AP)

ond loss in eight games. "We were never close. We were out of position, chasing the puck," Toronto coach Pat Quinn said. "It was the worst game we've had by far. It was very poor, no other way to say it. They were better-positioned and we were lousy."

Mike Richter stopped 24 shots to outduel Curtis Joseph in a matchup of two of the offseason's prized free-agent signings.

Richter has been in net each game during the unbeaten streak, allowing 12 goals. Todd Harvey's eighth goal with nine seconds left in the first period put the Rangers ahead for good, 2-1.

Stars 3, Flames 2  
Mike Modano, Brian Skrudland and Sergei Zubov scored second-period goals and backup Roman Turek remained unbeaten with 23 saves as the visiting Stars won.

One night after erupting for five second-period goals in a 6-2 win over Edmonton, the Stars peppered Tyler Moss with 18 shots in the middle 20 minutes, scoring three times.

The Stars (15-5-3) improved to 8-2-1 in their last 11 games overall, beating the Flames (9-15-2) for the fifth time in six meetings. Dallas also moved into a tie with Phoenix for the most points in the league.

| EASTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |   |     |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| Atlantic Division  |    |    |   |     |    |    |
|                    | W  | L  | T | Pts | GF | GA |
| New Jersey         | 15 | 7  | 2 | 32  | 66 | 55 |
| Philadelphia       | 12 | 8  | 4 | 28  | 64 | 52 |
| Pittsburgh         | 10 | 7  | 7 | 27  | 71 | 64 |
| N.Y. Rangers       | 10 | 9  | 7 | 27  | 71 | 67 |
| N.Y. Islanders     | 10 | 16 | 0 | 20  | 67 | 79 |
| Northeast Division |    |    |   |     |    |    |
| Toronto            | 15 | 10 | 2 | 32  | 83 | 78 |
| Buffalo            | 13 | 5  | 4 | 30  | 65 | 42 |
| Ottawa             | 11 | 7  | 6 | 28  | 63 | 52 |
| Montreal           | 12 | 8  | 3 | 27  | 68 | 54 |
| Calgary            | 9  | 14 | 3 | 19  | 57 | 74 |
| Southeast Division |    |    |   |     |    |    |
| Carolina           | 12 | 10 | 5 | 29  | 72 | 64 |
| Florida            | 8  | 10 | 6 | 22  | 58 | 65 |
| Washington         | 8  | 13 | 3 | 19  | 55 | 69 |
| Tampa Bay          | 7  | 16 | 2 | 16  | 56 | 95 |

| WESTERN CONFERENCE |    |    |   |     |    |    |
|--------------------|----|----|---|-----|----|----|
| Central Division   |    |    |   |     |    |    |
|                    | W  | L  | T | Pts | GF | GA |
| Detroit            | 14 | 9  | 1 | 29  | 81 | 59 |
| St. Louis          | 9  | 8  | 5 | 23  | 58 | 52 |
| Chicago            | 9  | 14 | 1 | 19  | 55 | 74 |
| Nashville          | 8  | 14 | 3 | 19  | 59 | 88 |
| Northwest Division |    |    |   |     |    |    |
| Edmonton           | 13 | 11 | 1 | 27  | 75 | 66 |
| Colorado           | 11 | 11 | 2 | 24  | 62 | 65 |
| Vancouver          | 10 | 13 | 3 | 23  | 74 | 76 |
| Calgary            | 9  | 15 | 2 | 20  | 71 | 77 |
| Pacific Division   |    |    |   |     |    |    |
| Phoenix            | 15 | 3  | 3 | 33  | 62 | 35 |
| Dallas             | 15 | 5  | 3 | 33  | 66 | 47 |
| Anaheim            | 9  | 11 | 5 | 23  | 57 | 62 |
| San Jose           | 5  | 13 | 6 | 16  | 51 | 62 |
| Los Angeles        | 6  | 17 | 3 | 15  | 55 | 76 |

صكزا من الاصل







## Inside

New  
Kidd at  
Blackburn

Page 17

Champions  
Cup  
preview

Page 18

Sports Editors  
Joe Hoffman & Ori LewisDiMaggio  
health  
improves

NEW YORK (AP) — Joe DiMaggio improved dramatically overnight, with his fever gone and his lungs clearing, his doctor said yesterday.

"He's remarkably better," Dr. Earl Barron told The Associated Press. "Don't ask me how or why." On Monday, Barron said DiMaggio had suffered "a significant and serious turn for the worse" during the weekend in his battle back from lung cancer surgery and that the 84-year-old Hall of Famer was "not in good shape." Doctors inserted a tube into DiMaggio's trachea on Monday to suction out the infected material.

"He perked up immediately," Barron said.

"His white blood count is down and the fever was gone last evening," Barron said. "We've been able to lighten up a bit on his medication. He is significantly better."

Barron denied a broadcast report that DiMaggio had lapsed into a coma.

"His level of consciousness has been down because he was sedated. But he is not in a coma. He is up and moving and opening his eyes," Barron said.

## Revivo goal sinks Liverpool

Scores in 57th minute to send English side out of UEFA Cup

LIVERPOOL (AP) — Spanish side Celta Vigo added to Liverpool's mounting woes, knocking the storied English side out of the UEFA Cup on a 4-1 aggregate after a 1-0 win in yesterday's third-round, second-leg match at Anfield.

Haim Revivo scored in the 57th as he broke down the left side and then cut in front of the box and beat David James on a low shot from 10 meters (yards).

Revivo started the game in place of Bulgarian Lubo Penev, who sat out because of suspension.

The loss was Liverpool's fifth in seven matches as the famed English side — twice winners of the UEFA Cup and four-time European Champions Cup winners — was out-passed and out-played by the quick-moving Spanish team.

The first half presented few scoring chances with Juan Sanchez probably having the best opportunity when his 18-meter (yard) shot after only 69 seconds was stopped by Liverpool goalie James, preventing an early Spanish onslaught.

Liverpool, playing without suspended players Steve McManaman, Paul Ince and Jamie Redknapp, had few clear chances before an Anfield stadium only two-thirds full.

Parma 3, Rangers 1  
Parma qualified for the UEFA Cup quarterfinals rallying from a 0-1 first-half deficit, against Glasgow Rangers in their third-round second-leg match.

The Italian team preserved a four-year unbeaten home streak in European games on second-half goals by Abel Balbo, Stefano Fiore and Enrico Chiesa.

Parma advanced on a 4-2 aggregate score following a 1-1 draw in the first leg at Glasgow.

Rangers was eliminated on its first season defeat in the European competition that it had started from pre-qualifying rounds.

German midfielder Jorg Albertz



Liverpool's Jason McAteer is beaten to the ball by Celta Vigo goalkeeper Richard Phillippe.

(Reuters)

put the Scottish team ahead in the 28th minute with a powerful diagonal drive from the penalty area edge.

The Rangers player intercepted an erratic pass by Argentine defender Nestor Sensi, rushed through the wide-open Parma defense and sent the ball past national team keeper Gianluigi Buffon.

Parma's second-half rally was made easier by the expulsion of Rangers' Italian defender Sergio Porrini in the 45th minute, which forced the visitors one player down for the entire second half.

Porrini received his second caution in the match when he fouled Chiesa who had outpaced him.

Rangers immediately paid for its reshuffled defense in the 47th when

Argentine veteran forward Balbo, left unmarked close to the net, kicked in Parma's equalizer.

Parma, which is tied in second place with AS Roma in the Italian league standings, kept cool despite the first-half deficit and took advantage of playing 11 against 10 as Rangers gradually faded out.

Parma (Italy) 3, Rangers (Scotland) 1, Parma won 4-2 on aggregate; Club

Bruges (Belgium) 3, Olympique Lyon (France) 4, Olympique Lyon won 5-3 on aggregate; Real Betis (Spain) 1, Bologna (Italy) 0, Bologna won 4-2 on aggregate; Girondins Bordeaux (France) 0, Grasshoppers (Switzerland) 0, Bordeaux won on away goals rule; Liverpool (England) 0, Celta Vigo (Spain) 1, Celta Vigo won 4-1 on aggregate; FC Zurich (Switzerland) 2, AS Roma (Italy) 2, AS Roma won 3-2 on aggregate; Olympique Marseille (France) 1, Monaco (France) 0, Marseille won 3-2 on aggregate.

## NBA All-Star game canceled

RENDALL. Philadelphia said that commissioner David Stern telephoned him with the news. The game had been scheduled for February 14 in Philadelphia.

"That's the only landmark left," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik told USA Today. "I hope the players haven't been convinced that the owners would never cancel the whole season."

The league was negotiating with Philadelphia, through the mayor's office, to find ways of softening the impact on hotels, which reserved large blocks of

rooms for the weekend. The Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The league booked \$3 million worth of rooms. The hotels could have earned that much in food and beverage sales.

Meanwhile, agents David Falk and Arn Tellem announced Monday that an exhibition game involving locked out NBA players is set for December 19 in Atlantic City, New Jersey, with the proceeds going to charity and to players in financial need.

But Falk's most famous client, Michael Jordan, won't be play-

ing. "Michael has said he won't make a decision about returning to professional basketball or retiring until the lockout is over," said Curtis Polk, president of Falk's sports management company.

"We did talk to Michael about the game, obviously, and Michael feels he needs to stand by his earlier statement that he'll wait for a resolution of the lockout before he makes that decision. He wouldn't want to send the fans a sort of mixed message by his participation in this game."

Turks beat  
Jerusalem  
in OT

By ARYEH DEAN COHEN

Veteran point guard David Rivers' agony turned into ecstasy for Tofas Bursa, as the Turkish club survived a scare from Hapoel Jerusalem 84-74 in overtime to take first place in Group B in the Saporta Cup tournament.

With Jerusalem clinging to a 69-67 lead and only 15 seconds to play, Rivers drove to the basket and Hapoel center Radisav Curcic, throwing up a lay-up as he went. The ball rolled around the hole but didn't go in, and a dejected Rivers sat for several seconds on the floor, shaking his head over a three-point play opportunity that would have won the game.

However, equally important was the fact that Curcic fouled out on the play. Rivers calmly sank both free throws to send the game into overtime, then watched the absence of Curcic take away any chance Jerusalem had of winning the game as the Turks grabbed home court advantage for the entire next round of Saporta Cup play. The victory also gives them an easier opponent in the next round than Jerusalem will face, with Hapoel likely to play always tough Limoges or a scrappy club from Antwerp.

Truth be told, the Turks deserved the victory, especially since Hapoel insisted on shooting itself in the foot with a variety of bad passes and bad shots. However, Effy Birnbaum's club showed a great deal of grit, coming back from 11 points in the first half and nine in the second, even in front of the roaring Turkish crowd.

All eyes were once again on the battle between Curcic and former Maccabi Tel Aviv center Radisav Curcic, and last night's battle could probably be best called a draw. The problem, however, was that too often Jerusalem's offense lived or died with Curcic. While the Jerusalem center tallied 23 points, too often Jerusalem's offense took other players, particularly Kenny Williams, out of the offensive flow.

Jerusalem held the early lead before the Turks enjoyed a 13-0 run behind Slaven Rimac (21 points). Rivers and Rogers to put Tofas up 27-16. H. Waldman didn't help Jerusalem any, either, telegraphing enough passes to qualify for a job with Western Union. With Waldman on the bench, Jerusalem got back into it, Papi Turgeman hitting an important three-pointer to key the comeback. When Waldman returned, he was a changed man, feeding Williams for an alley-oop, then driving in to tie it at 30. Great board work and a flurry by Derrick Hamilton gave Jerusalem the lead, but the Turks tied at the half, 37-37.

Poor outside shooting and generally bad shot selection left Jerusalem behind 50-44 early in the second half, its offense limited to Curcic, Curcic, Curcic. While the Jerusalem center did his best, the Turks knew what to expect, and no one else on Jerusalem contributed on offense. A basket by Asim Pars gave Tofas a commanding 63-54 lead with just over three minutes left, and it looked like lights out for Jerusalem.

But Williams scored, Mark Carver buried a three, and Waldman and Curcic clicked at the foul line as Jerusalem stepped up its defense and roared back to within 67-65 with 1:22 left.

Griffith lost the ball after being pressured by Curcic, and Waldman got a charity bounce on a forced jumper to knot it at 67 with :46 left. The Turks missed two shots, Turgeman got the ball, faked and hid a jumper, and Hapoel stood tall, ahead 69-67 with 15 ticks left on the clock.

That's when the veteran Rivers cut their legs out, showing what a winner he is by driving directly at Curcic to essentially end things for Jerusalem. Without their center and Hamilton, who also fouled out, Jerusalem was forced to go out with a whimper in OT.

Judge delays  
Tyson  
sentencing

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The judge who could return Mike Tyson to prison will await the former heavyweight boxing champion's sentencing on assault charges before making her decision.

Indiana state Judge Patricia Gifford followed a recommendation from probation officer George Walker, who said in a probation report it "may be desirable to await the outcome" of misdemeanor assault charges against Tyson in the state of Maryland.

Tyson pleaded "no contest" in the suburban Washington, DC, case last week.

**AIR CANADA**  
Fly TLV-Toronto/Montreal and get  
**LAS VEGAS, HOUSTON, ATLANTA, ST. LOUIS,  
KANSAS CITY FREE!!**  
See your travel agent for details.

---

**THE WEATHER**  
<http://www.accuweather.com>

**ISRAEL**  
All maps, forecasts and data provided by AccuWeather, Inc. © 1998

Israel: Varyingly cloudy today, a few showers coast and northern mountains. High 22-30. Cooler tonight and tomorrow with wide-spread showers.

**EGYPT**  
El-Eilat 30/17

**NORTH AMERICA WEATHER TODAY**

**EUROPE WEATHER TODAY**

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

**ISRAEL CITIES**

| City       | Today High/Low | Thursday High/Low | Friday High/Low | Saturday High/Low |
|------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Ariel      | 23/7 10/50h    | 15/9 4/38h        | 17/8 1/33h      | 20/8 8/48h        |
| Beer Sheva | 26/7 12/55h    | 18/4 8/48h        | 18/4 8/48h      | 21/7 10/50h       |
| Dead Sea   | 23/4 17/62h    | 21/7 9/48h        | 23/7 9/48h      | 26/7 11/52h       |
| Eilat      | 30/6 17/60h    | 22/7 10/50h       | 24/7 10/50h     | 26/7 15/59h       |
| Haifa      | 24/7 18/51h    | 23/6 12/50h       | 22/7 12/50h     | 22/7 12/50h       |
| Jerusalem  | 24/7 10/50h    | 16/1 4/38h        | 18/4 8/48h      | 20/8 8/48h        |
| Kazrin     | 22/7 8/48h     | 12/3 2/29h        | 14/7 0/29h      | 18/4 4/38h        |
| Netanya    | 25/7 14/57h    | 19/6 11/52h       | 21/7 9/48h      | 23/7 11/52h       |
| Tel Aviv   | 26/7 12/55h    | 20/8 12/50h       | 20/8 10/50h     | 23/7 12/50h       |
| Thulsa     | 25/7 14/57h    | 18/4 4/38h        | 20/8 8/48h      | 22/7 10/50h       |

Weather (W): c=clear, p=partly cloudy, d=cloudy, sh=showers, h=heavy showers, n=night, s=snow, f=fog, m=moderate, h=high.

**INTERNATIONAL CITIES**

| City           | Today High/Low | Thursday High/Low | Friday High/Low |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Amsterdam      | 5/1 4/38h      | 8/4 7/44h         | 11/52 10/50h    |
| Beijing        | 1/4 9/18h      | 3/7 7/20h         | 6/43 3/27h      |
| Berlin         | -1/1 4/22h     | -1/1 3/27h        | 4/39 3/27h      |
| Buenos Aires   | 6/13 4/39h     | 8/46 6/48h        | 11/52 10/50h    |
| Calcutta       | 23/7 12/55h    | 18/4 8/48h        | 21/7 10/50h     |
| Chicago        | 3/7 3/27h      | 4/39 4/25h        | 4/39 4/25h      |
| Frankfurt      | -1/1 4/24h     | -2/9 5/24h        | 3/7 12/43h      |
| Hong Kong      | 20/8 14/57h    | 18/6 14/57h       | 20/8 18/61h     |
| Los Angeles    | 22/7 18/54h    | 24/7 18/54h       | 26/7 17/62h     |
| London         | 11/52 8/48h    | 13/5 5/11h        | 11/52 10/50h    |
| Los Angeles    | 22/7 18/54h    | 24/7 18/54h       | 26/7 17/62h     |
| Madrid         | 12/3 3/27h     | 13/5 4/38h        | 16/1 8/48h      |
| Moscow         | 22/7 7/44h     | 21/7 7/44h        | 23/7 9/48h      |
| Montreal       | -1/1 4/16h     | 1/4 4/16h         | -2/4 4/16h      |
| Moscow         | -2/2 9/18h     | -3/7 4/25h        | -4/25 11/31h    |
| New York       | 9/48 3/27h     | 8/46 2/29h        | 8/46 2/29h      |
| Paris          | 6/46 4/39h     | 7/44 2/29h        | 8/46 4/39h      |
| Prague         | -2/2 7/20h     | -2/9 5/24h        | 3/7 12/43h      |
| Rio de Janeiro | 26/4 24/75h    | 23/84 23/75h      | 26/4 24/75h     |
| Rome           | 7/44 3/27h     | 11/52 5/11h       | 14/57 6/48h     |
| Sydney         | 21/80 18/54h   | 22/7 18/54h       | 23/7 18/54h     |
| Taipei         | 6/46 4/39h     | 7/44 2/29h        | 8/46 4/39h      |
| Toronto        | 5/11 0/22h     | 4/39 3/27h        | 4/39 3/27h      |
| Vienna         | -1/1 4/24h     | -1/1 3/27h        | 3/7 12/43h      |
| Winnipeg       | -2/2 9/18h     | -3/7 4/25h        | -4/25 11/31h    |
| Washington     | 10/50 13/43h   | 11/52 5/11h       | 10/50 8/48h     |
| Zurich         | 2/6 2/25h      | 4/39 3/27h        | 5/11 4/39h      |

**TAROM**  
ROMANIAN AIR TRANSPORT

the Romanian world airline

Intercontinental and extensive European network.  
Famous for traditional Romanian hospitality.  
A 75 years old high-value customer portfolio.  
So, make your choice.

<http://tarom.ro>